

Learning Journal 6.4.17

First of all, I hope you enjoyed our Easter service at Ellingham Church. We were very proud of our children and everything they achieved this morning.

We have been a little distracted this week by the presence of diggers, dumper trucks and a fabulous cement mixer working in our outdoor area, behind a very big but wonderfully see-through fence. So we took our clip boards outside and recorded all the work that was happening. Sadly the builders did not want any food from our mud café but we made a menu just in case and we looked in all the huts to see what was inside. It has been so much fun and so interesting.



We watched this wagon unload the workmen's huts using a big crane.



We can see all the work through the fence. Wow!!

Literacy and Phonics

We are still learning letter names as well as sounds and are remembering lots more now. Our nursery children have finished their Talk Boost programme with 'Jake and Tizzy' and will be going on to some structured phonics sessions in preparation for Reception in September. We are all thinking about story language and how to use it in our play and our writing. The only way to learn this is to read lots and lots of stories!

Mathematics

Our maths has covered a range of different skills, including addition, problem solving, halves and quarters, counting to 20 and beyond and looking at number patterns.

The reception children are also learning to estimate how many objects are in a group and adjust their estimation to make it more accurate. They are really good at this and have practised hard this week.



Estimating and counting using shells and pine cones.

Other news.....we completed the roof on our den and made it fully waterproof, then ate our snack in the rain to check. We also found fantastic climbing trees, with a lovely soft bed of leaves to land in.





Help at Home.....I discussed homework and our new policy with every parent at Parents' evening and those who were unable to attend have received a copy. Please read carefully the advice about all the things you can do to prepare your child for school and continue to do all those activities with your reception, as well as nursery age children. If you are out and about with your children in the holidays, please help them learn new words by talking about the world around them and describing how things look, feel and smell. Play car games such as I Spy and I went to Market on journeys and sing songs to a CD or download some children's songs on your phone to learn about rhyme and alliteration. Only turn the DVD player on when your children have exhausted all the other possibilities and consider story CDs where children use their imagination instead of DVDs where the pictures are there for them.



Next Week.....we hope you enjoy spending time with your children as much as we do and we look forward to hearing about all their adventures at home and away. Happy Easter to all our children and families from everyone in Splash.

