

Learning Journal 23.1.15

We start every morning at school doing something called Activate. We watch the interactive whiteboard where a lady shows us how to do lots of actions to music. These are specifically designed to help our brains develop and to improve our balance, co ordination and control. These skills are really important for lots of physical activities, but also play a vital part in being able to read and write.

We all love Activate and it is a great way to wake up our brains ready to start the day.



This week we have been talking and writing about our clothes. We drew our favourite outfits and labelled them, we dressed up and tried on lots of different clothes, and we had a go at dying! The children were quite alarmed when I said we would be dying until they realised it was only adding colour to fabric. They used glass pebbles and rubber bands to tie up an old sheet then we mixed an orange and a turquoise blue dye and put half the sheet in each colour.

It was really tricky to get the rubber bands round and we had to



concentrate very hard.

When it is finished the children decided they wanted to use the sheet as a curtain at the window.

At Home: Ask your child to tell you how we dyed the fabric and see if they can remember the steps in the right order.

Our maths this week has been all about 2D shapes and we have played lots of games and done sorting activities with our shapes. We were also learning to sort objects using different criteria. The younger children have been sorting using colour to try to learn their colours and to match them. They had great fun playing colour games and sorting the toys.

On Monday an artist is coming to work with the children on a papermaking project so today we went out as a whole school over the fields to the churchyard to collect some natural objects to put into our paper.



We found all sorts of interesting leaves, seed heads and grasses. The older children did a lovely job of looking after our younger ones and helping them to find things and we had a fun time despite the cold weather.



We found some beautiful early snowdrops.....



...and lots of things for our papermaking. We will let you know how the workshop goes on Monday in next week's journal.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning or want to ask any questions about school please feel free to make an appointment and to come and have a chat. We love to share children's successes with parents and you are still your child's main educator despite all the work we do at school. We want to work with you to make the best possible provision for your children and we welcome your contributions.