

Highlights of the week in Columbus:

We have made the most of the early summer weather, and have been outside as much as possible this week. On Monday, we continued creating our habitats. The indoor D and T group making bat boxes and nesting boxes were really proud of their constructions too, for some children this is their first experience of using hammers and nails. Other groups made bird feeders and continued to dig and build homes for the wildlife creatures at Dussindale Primary School.

Our first inhabitants have arrived!



In literacy, we have been writing descriptions of our sensory experiences outside, using poetic verse. The task involved children using their newly learnt poetry writing skills to the full. They used sensory imagery, figurative language, and descriptive vocabulary. The results were very impressive! We will be continuing to express our creative impressions of the world around us, particularly the natural world, by painting and writing an accompanying poem next week. To help us we have practised painting with water colours, learning different techniques. This week's homework is in preparation for this literacy work, as we are practising and developing our art skills.

We have continued to collect and represent data in maths, using a variety of different graphs and charts. The children also learned how to represent their data collected from their growing plants. They are recording the size of the leaves and height of the plants, as well as counting the amount of leaves on each plant. We also completed our collaboratively constructed classification charts.



A very exciting visitor in Columbus this week, Ammeya's dad came and gave us a special talk on recycling and reducing waste that can be harmful to the environment. The children are now all experts of 'Reducing, reusing and recycling.'

In computing we are following on from our tinkering with iMovie and are trying out stop-animation mini-movies. We have continued to learn cricket skills in P.E, learning to play diamond cricket.

Apart from all of the above we have also completed assessments in reading, spelling, grammar and maths this week, so all the children will have earned a relaxing weekend.

Talk about the changing scenery around us when we go outside. So many plants are changing, and birds are hatching and leaving their nests. What have we noticed? Which words can we use to describe our different experiences in nature at the moment?

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