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Saplings



We have had a very busy half term in Saplings! First of all we did a narrative learning experience which resulted in us writing our own stories with a message as well as adding illustrations. Then we became scientists and had great fun investigating forces. We became investigators for the natural history team that were first on the scene of a meteor that had landed... what skills would we need? What knowledge did we need to gain? We learnt all about, and investigated magnets, gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction, before finally designing and making our own boats using all the knowledge and skills we had developed, to solve the final part of the puzzle! We could really see the role of science in our everyday lives.

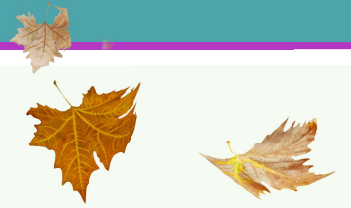
As well as this, we launched our very own Community Cafe! We designed leaflets and some of the children delivered them around the village. On the actual day, several children helped set up the cafe, take orders, share crafts and serve the local community that came in. We are planning on making this a regular event and hope that all the children can take part in running it. We had lots of positive comments and really felt that we had made a difference to our community!

In October, we had a visit from our local librarian to help us choose new books for our library. This involved a 'reading roundabout' where the children were able to make informed book choices from each genre. It really helped the children to have a sense of ownership of our wonderful library and develop their roles as librarians. Alongside all of this, we have had some fabulous forest school sessions collecting apples, making toffee apples and other forest crafts. Next month, we are looking forward to our next learning journeys (geography and history) and to our trip to experience an Anglo Saxon village.



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Whilst encouraging Saplings to eat their 5 a day, it's been apples, apples apples in our Forest School sessions. We have looked at how apples from different trees taste very different, selecting only the best for their hand pressed apple juice. We also took their campfire cooking up a notch from marshmallows by cooking apple slices over a campfire with a sprinkling of sugar (or maybe more for some). These proved very popular!

Looking to next half term we will be enriching the children's classroom experience outdoors by building our field work skills during the children's geography learning experience - creating and using maps. We will also be role playing a day in the life of a Viking/Saxon when the children are learning about this period of history in their class. Lots to look forward to!

