



Caterpillar Kids

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

What did we get up to this month?
Take a look!



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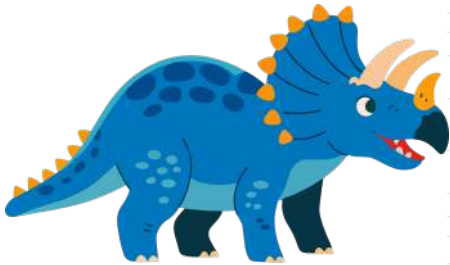
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WHAT WE LEARNED

In November we learned all about Dinosaurs. We filled our sensory tray with coloured rice and rocks to make a habitat for them. We learned some of the Dinosaur names and we read books about how they may have become extinct by Asteroids and Meteorites falling to earth or by Volcanoes erupting and covering everything with lava. We learned that a person who studies Dinosaurs is called a Paleontologist. These people study fossils which are skeletons that have turned to stone.



WHAT WE MADE

We made a Dinosaur collage and Catherine froze small animals in mud to make fossils which we had to smash open. We made Dinosaur eggs with babies hatching out of them. We also chatted about the Arctic and Antarctic and made Polar Bears and Penguins. The North Pole is in the Arctic and this is where Santa lives.



OUR FAVOURITE THING

Our absolute favourite thing was when Garda Mike came to visit and he brought his squad car and hand-cuffs. We all got a turn to press the button for the siren and flashing lights. Some of us were a little scared because the noise was very loud. When we came back to the classroom we took out the Colour Monster book and had a chat about how we felt.



WHAT WE LEARNED

We learned all about our new season 'Winter' this month, we talked about how we keep warm, and about how some animals hibernate and some stay awake and hunt for food in the cold and dark. We started asking about Arctic Animals and we talked about how they survive in the cold Arctic and how they keep warm and camouflage in the snow. We looked at a video in Circle time of all the animals that live in the Arctic, and have a new photo book of them for our library.

We talked about all the things that have changed around us in Parteen - it's been getting colder and we have been watching the sunset, having fun playing in the dark and playing with ice. We had fun painting snowmen since we have not had any snow. We learned a fun game called 'GO!' in the garden where you follow 4 colours on a video and jump to each colour as fast as you can, it was good fun.



WHAT WE MADE

We used all of our recycled materials to make cool balancing sculptures. We are very proud of our cool towers, and painted them in our favourite colours. We coloured in our own Goldilocks and the Three Bears Puppets and brought them home to play with, we can use them to act out one of our favourite stories with our families, and we kept a set for our dollhouse. We were really interested in Godzilla and what he looked like, so we painted him, or King Kong, and made cool dinosaur tails to stomp around in together.

OUR FAVOURITE THING

Our favourite thing this month was a visit from Garda Mike. He taught us about road safety, how important seat belts are, and let us try on uniforms, handcuffs and helmets, the Garda car was really cool, it had flashing lights and a loud siren! Garda Mike told us if we see Gardaí when we are out with our families that we can say hello to them. Thank you Garda Mike!

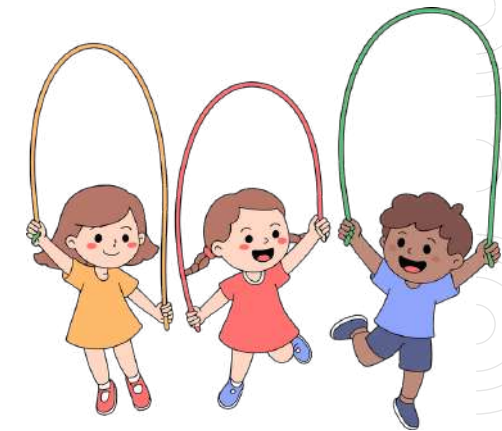
BIRTHDAYS

This month we celebrated Ada, Maggie, Darragh, Ethan and Kingston's birthday. Happy Birthday!



WHAT WE LEARNED

We learned that Christmas is a special time for sharing love, care, and kindness. With Lisa, we decided to make and send small keepsakes to people living in nursing homes to help brighten their Christmas, and we were very happy to spread some kindness in this way.



We also talked about our own Christmas traditions as we prepared for the festive season ahead, including Christmas Eve sleepovers, watching Christmas movies, and drinking hot chocolate. This was a lovely social activity for our after schoolers, and each child enjoyed learning more about their friends. We have also been making the most of our outdoor time, playing hide the magical object, taking part in skipping challenges, and learning a new dance game called Go!



AFTERSCHOOL

WHAT WE MADE

This month we enjoyed Christmas crafts and imaginative art using chalk and sticks. We created a large Christmas post box from an old cardboard box, painting and decorating it together with glitter, glue and cotton wool. The children were very excited knowing they will soon post letters and artwork to Santa at the North Pole. We also worked as a team to build the longest, strongest Lego bridge and tested cars on it at the bottom of the slide, changing parts to see what made them go faster and travel further.

OUR FAVOURITE THING

We love exploring sound and all that we can learn through listening. This month we enjoyed rhythm, beats, dancing, learning about instruments, and listening to winter stories. Our favourite activity was a Christmas song dance off in the garden, where we took turns creating silly dance moves for everyone to copy. The after schoolers especially loved it and we shared lots of laughs.

BIRTHDAYS

This month we celebrated Emily P, Joshua, Annaliese and Amee's Birthday. Happy Birthday!





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THAT'S ALL FOR OCTOBER!

We'll see you next month!



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