

## **Newsletter: Summer Term 2 Week 2 17.6.2022**

Dear parents/carers

This week's topic we have been focusing on 'Our Senses' and Our Body.

We have been looking closely at the different senses we use in various activities including sight, sound, smell, touch and taste.

We have had lots of sensory play based around foods such as vegetables, fruits, dry foods like crackers and cereals and malleable textures like jelly and encouraging the children to express their descriptions with regards to colours, shapes, textures, temperatures and sounds they hear, see and smell.

We have been showing plenty of teamwork this week with the puzzles and talking about images of people with disabilities for example, How would a blind person piece the puzzle together and how would deaf person communicate with others? We showed some of the children some Makaton signs and created some really interesting conversations.

We have been enjoying lots of water play in the garden and Oasis this week with water trays for fishing and boats and we had so much fun getting all our teachers wet and splashing our friends.

We practiced our balancing and jumping skills on the new stumps in the garden and a large group of us had a awesome (roar-some) time role playing and pretending to be dinosaurs.

We played football kicking the balls into the goals and as high as we could with our friends.

A small group of children spent some time building models using the Mobilo construction sets whilst others used the measuring tapes to work together and measure the floor space.

Staff played 'Body bingo' with a group of children who listened attentively to instructions and showed some great understanding in the aim of the game. We sang songs lots of songs this week and played games such as 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' and 'What is it?' where the children had to feel an item hidden in a box using their hands and tasting some flavours whilst blindfolded.

We also had some special visitors this week who graced us with their presence this week when our eggs were delivered on Monday in the incubator and it was lovely to see the children's faces on Wednesday when some of the eggs had hatched and the group saw the chicks for the first time and by Friday we had all 10 chicks hatched. Some of the children enjoyed singing to the chicks and talking to them. They have contributed to feeding them daily and giving the chicks lots of care and concern by holding and stroking them gently with the support of a teacher.

Can I please remind you all to remember to provide your child with some spare clothes for hot days when we have extra waterplay as there are not enough spare clothes for everyone and to please remember to cream your child in the morning before playgroup. Thank you

Have a lovely weekend!

The Christ Church Playgroup Team















