



Year 1 Outdoor Week - June 2024

Outdoor week got off to a flying start in Year 1 when it was declared 'The best week ever!' by Indie before we had even made it to Monday lunch time! The children were so excited to take their learning outside and move their bodies in a more practical approach to the week. We were determined to embrace it come rain or shine. Luckily for us it was mostly shining.

In Maths, we have been learning all about place value and the number line to 100. We took the opportunity to start the week off by creating a giant number line on the playground in chalk and then hid the corresponding numbers for the children to find. After a short break we hotfooted it to the Year 1 garden and the nature garden, where classes 1R and 1B found 2 homeless (toy) animals and foraged resources, to make waterproof dens for them. We finished the day with a barefoot walk. The children were able to experience how when we use our sense of touch, we use all parts of the body (even our feet!) and came up with an impressive list of adjectives to describe the warm, smooth and at times, squishy ground!

The next day the children were excited to put their problem-solving skills to the test to 'Protect the egg.'

Using a variety of different materials, they were able to engineer different contraptions to keep their eggs safe. There were some very unique designs, some successful, some not so much, which helped the children to learn about materials (and the importance of being resilient).

On Wednesday, the children took their art outside. This comprised of a year group activity of action painting, in the style of Jackson Pollock. The children foraged for utensils to drip, drizzle and splatter their paint and a marvellous time was had by all.

On Thursday, the children attended the much-anticipated school picnic, and enjoyed their lunch sat with friends taking in the sunshine. In the afternoon, they became 'Wild things' after reading the book by Maurice Sendak. They made masks, danced round a campfire, and squelched through mud!

The week ended with some calm reflection time in the form of therapy walks, to soothe our minds and bodies, and some detective work finding and identifying different trees.

We have all thoroughly enjoyed outdoor week and are planning to incorporate more outdoor lessons into our learning wherever possible!

