



Our Learning



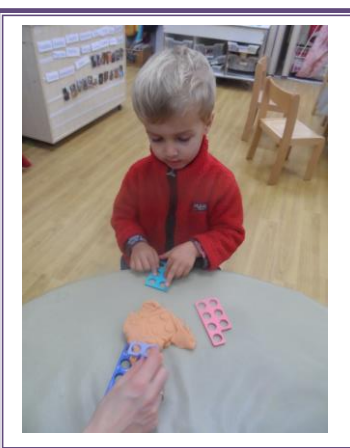
This Week

Monday 13th November to Friday 17th November

We have had a very exciting week because Ravi (our persona doll) came to visit us. Ravi comes to The Lawns from a different nursery and helps us to teach the children about diversity, inclusion and problem solving such as welcoming a new baby into the family or issues within friendship groups. Together we had lots of fun finding out about him, his family, his interests, likes and dislikes. Ravi has recently enjoyed celebrating Diwali, he also visits the Gurdwara to listen to special words and music.

At group time we became scientists, experimenting to find out what would happen when we added the ingredients needed to make gingerbread dough into some water. We used our senses to investigate the smells and textures. We then described the changes that we noticed, using scientific language such as dissolve, absorb, float and sink.

One of our curriculum goals is 'explore numbers using a variety of resources'. Within the setting there have been mathematical opportunities available for the children to engage in. They have especially enjoyed using Numicon at the dough table, pressing it into the dough and counting the circles produced. The children have impressed us with their ability to use Numicon to notice number patterns.



Next Week

Monday 20th November to Friday 24th November

The children will be given the opportunity to enrich their understanding of the world by exploring and examining ginger in different forms. These will include root ginger, ginger nut biscuits, dried ground ginger, non-alcoholic ginger beer and crystallized ginger.

We will continue to explore the number 2. This will include looking at Numicon, learning the number 2 ditty and gaining an understanding of subitising (the ability to instantaneously recognise the number of objects in a small group without the need to count them).

At Home

You could have fun looking at changes and doing scientific experiments with your child. Such as making a Gingerbread man and talking about how it changes from a soft dough into a hard biscuit, or dipping a biscuit into a hot liquid and noticing how it becomes soft.

Talk to your child when cooking about the different smells you encounter, maybe you could explore smells and aromas such as ginger and other herbs and spices.

This week our key words are **rhyme, conversation, senses, spice and ginger.**