

Nursery Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Lots of opportunities this week to discuss the weather and it's effects. As we don't often have this amount of snow and ice around for as long as we did we seized the chance for some "science/knowledge of the world" investigations! We talked about as the temperature had remained so cold for a number of days this is the reason it hadn't melted. We brought a container full of ice indoors and over time observed the ice melting into water. The outdoor area was risk assessed and only very small groups of children were taken outside for short periods. The children really listened before going outside about the risk of falling and no running was allowed. Some children had built a snowman at home and photographs were sent to Nursery for us to look at together. Many thanks for this, a great opportunity to develop speaking and listening skills. We looked at a weather map for Liverpool to check the temperature over the next few days and compared it to the temperature in other parts of the world. A member of my family is currently on holiday in a different part of the world. We compared the weather there to Liverpool and also the activities, clothes worn and so on. Within the "Understanding of the World" section of our curriculum, a focus is on "guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology, and the environment". We used a google search of images on our big, interactive screen in Nursery to show the children the differences between living in Thailand and living in Liverpool. As we have a number of children within our Nursery who were not born in Liverpool, this is something we will continue to focus on. Comparing life in other parts of the world as well as our own school community will help to develop a sense of respect and diversity and the realisation that we are all different and how it is something to be celebrated, even down to hair colour, eye colour, what our interests are and so on. Beginning at such an early age is massively important.

Our role play area has been enhanced with resources focusing on the emergency services. Finding out about different occupations will be ongoing over the coming term. We will be setting up a display of familiar adults and jobs that they do. If you would like to send a photograph either in response to this email or through "EvidenceMe" and you are happy for it to be printed and displayed we would be really grateful. In previous years this has had such an impact on the children's communication and language development as it is so real to them and children love talking about their families. We have had photographs of parents who are bus drivers, some working at a computer, van drivers, shop workers, nurses, parents cooking at home and so on.

Many thanks for your continued support,

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