



Early Years Update – W/b 16th May

This week has been Fairy Week! It has been a really interesting theme, with the boys as actively engaged and enthused by it as the girls.

We have looked at Fairy Gardens and had a go at making our own in bowls and pie cases. This was a lot more difficult than it looked and a lot of children struggled to make smaller representations of real life objects such as furniture and washing lines. It required a high level of dexterity and skill, and some creative vision. The children decorated paper lanterns to create homes for the fairies, used natural objects to create fairy landscapes, had to carefully follow instructions to fold and make fairy books in which they wrote messages to the fairies (and the fairies came to read them and left their fairy dust footprints all over them!). We listened to different types of fairy music, from tinkly and sweet, to traditional celtic style music and some rock fairy music too! Children used simple sound recording devices to experiment with creating their own fairy music, which was the source of great hilarity, as everyone seems to be amused by how different they sound when recorded. We have had rose scented dough to work with, which was textured with rosehip tea leaves to add interest, and lots of other activities.

There has been a lot vocabulary used in discussions amongst the children as they have explored the theme and it has been a very excitable but very productive week.

Next week – The fairies have been busy (thanks to Amazon Prime!), and we will be using sticks to make magic wands, making our own wings, responding to fairy music through movement and dance, having a taster of Shakespeare through 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and writing poems and rhymes. The fairies may be bringing the children a gift too...

