



## Seedlings Class Blog

Here we are in September! The start to the new academic year and new beginnings. We have many new faces this year and we would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families.

We've started the year well and the children have settled in fantastically. For many of our new starters this is the first time they've attended either Nursery or School and we are so impressed with how well everyone is doing.



## How things started...

With the weather still being so nice we decided to make the most of the outdoor area. We worked together painting a big collaborative piece, which has been used to make our class key groups tree. The children were great at using the dabbers and rollers on the paper (and their hands!)

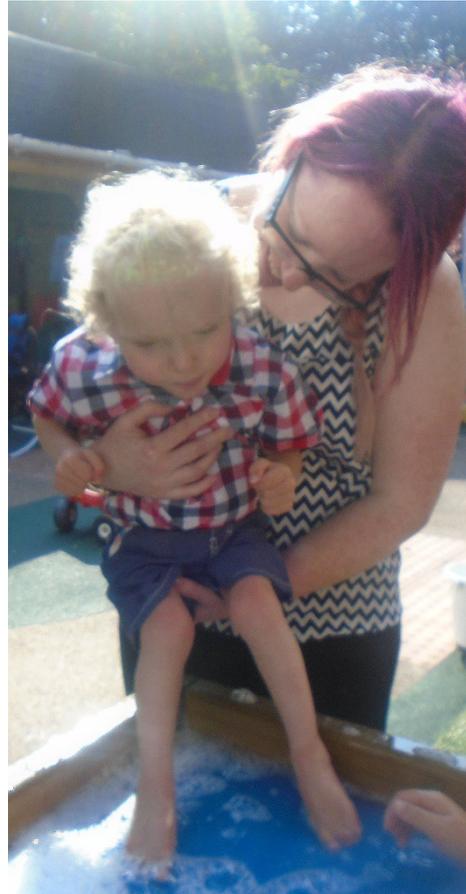


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also enjoyed some water play. The children love being outside and engaging with the water! We do have several individuals who like to go in the water, as well as exploring the different activities! This month we focused on the movement of water and worked on our anticipation skills. We used our outdoor water tray to make dams and then we watched or touched the water as it flowed along the channels. We also worked on pouring water from different



sized containers. The children loved putting their hands out as water was poured over their fingers or hands.



Some of us enjoyed dipping our toes in!

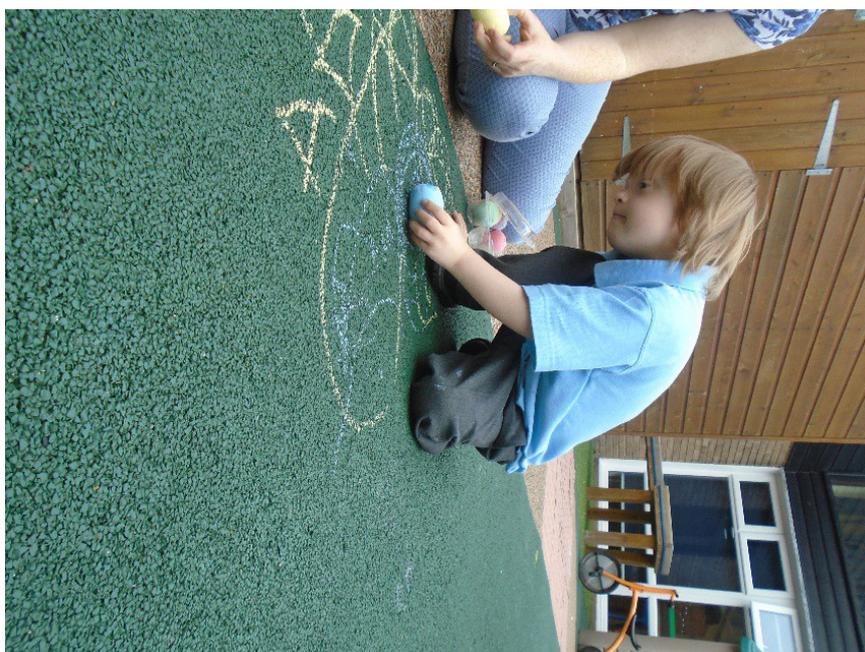


And some of us enjoyed dipping our bodies in!



We have been working on our pre-writing skills, through mark making activities.

The children like using the big egg shaped chinks, as they are easy to hold and create marks without having to use too much pressure.



Staff modelled letter and number formation and we all worked on creating 'rounds' and circle shapes.

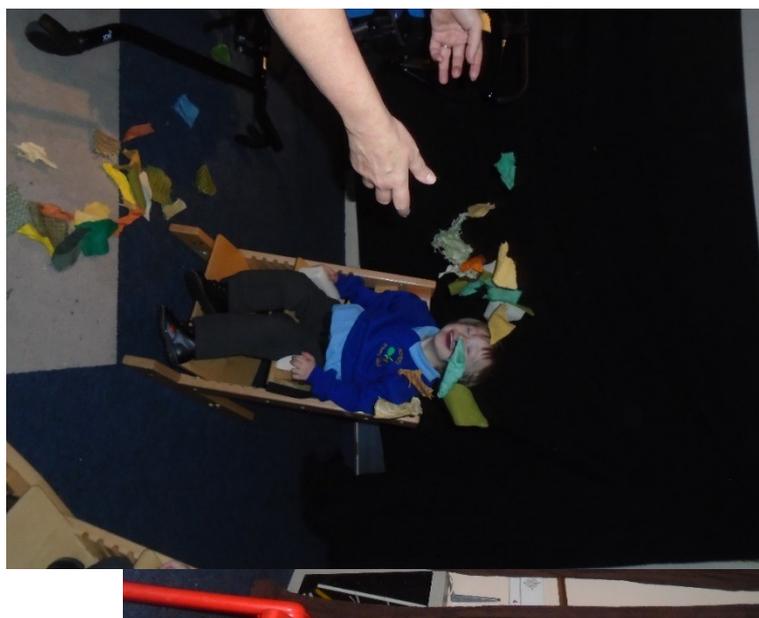
Many of the children are quite motivated by mark making and were keen to participate.

## It's all about the drama.....



Sensory drama is, as always, hugely popular with the children. The theme for this term is a teddy bears picnic. We are observing fantastic responses in the children. The children have been listening to the bird songs, exploring textures,

including squelchy 'mud' and watching the leaves fall. The boys are really enjoying this element of the story and we are observing some great anticipation skills.





In maths we've been listening to number songs and rhymes, and we've also been looking at some 2D common regular shapes.

In understanding the world and personal, social and emotional development, we've been busy looking after our baby dolls. Some of them were really poorly



and needed a lot of looking after and medical attention from nurse Grace.

We also gave the dolls bottles and gave some of them a bath so they could have a nice sleep.



Our sensory area is a big hit with all the children, for exploratory work, finding a cosy corner, looking at a book or just chillin' like these two cool fellas!

Although it's not very clear on the photograph, but the fairy lights and the disco ball work really well in this area and cast really nice patterns on the wall and floor. Hugo loves this and really likes it when we spin the disco ball!

Our focused vestibular session is on a Thursday and we're working with the swings, trampolines, the tube and the dish. These pieces of equipment allow the children to experiences a range of different movements throughout the session, which helps to develop the vestibular system in the brain and also helps to support balance, co-ordination and control.

As a school we have recently purchased two new pieces of vestibular equipment using funding provided by Rock FM, we are looking forward to using the new equipment in our sessions.



# Expressive Arts and Design



We've been very crafty this month - working on our fine motor skills and hand eye coordination as well as exploring colour. The children have worked really hard and the classroom and displays are starting to look really bright and colourful! We are very proud of all our budding artists!



## and finally this month.....

Building friendship and developing relationships has been a real focus for all the children and staff. From climbing on your teacher, to laughing with your key worker, we are so glad that the children are feeling so comfortable and settled in their new classroom and with their new staff and peers.



As always, if you have any photos you would like to share please email to [EYFSparents@acorns.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:EYFSparents@acorns.lancs.sch.uk) we love to see what the children do out of school and these pictures will be added to the children's learning journeys. A big thank you to those that have already contributed!  
Many thanks, Laura and The Seedlings Class Team

