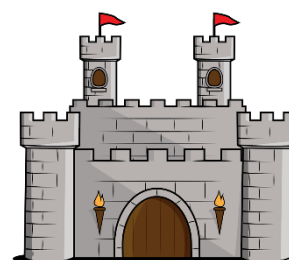
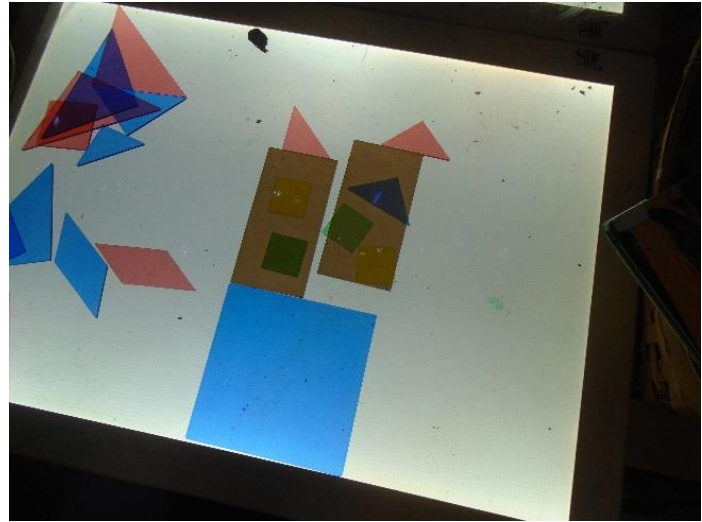


This week... the focus has been on castles - from building to painting!!

We have used a range of different construction toys and blocks to create towers and structures. In PE we used the large foam blocks to create a big castle and tall towers. We then used the balls to knock the towers down. The children loved this activity and it took quite a lot of guidance to encourage the children to build tall towers, rather than knock them down after only putting two blocks on top of each other!!



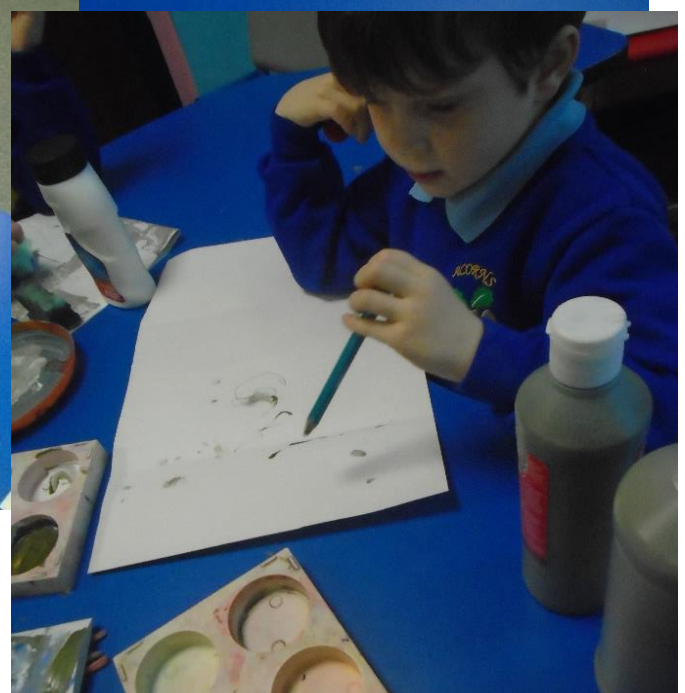
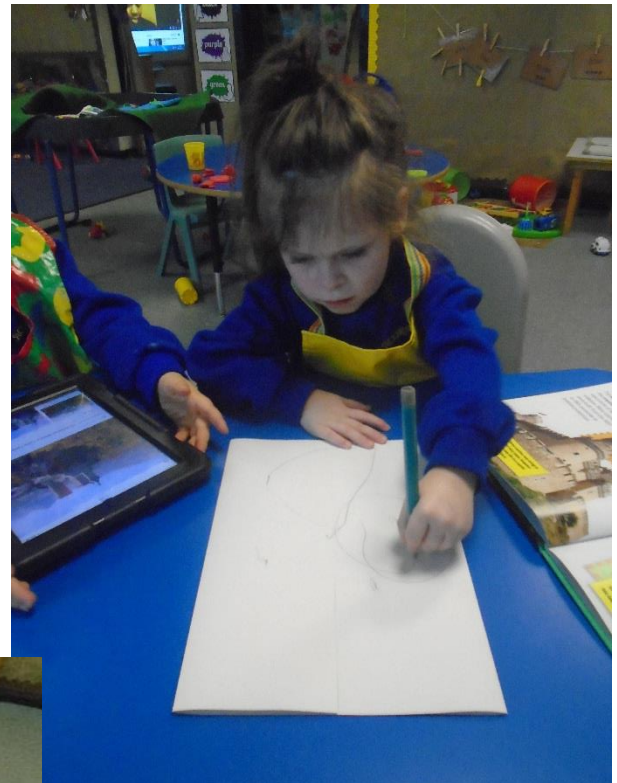
The light box discovery area has been well used this week. We practiced balancing the wooden bobbins and blocks on top of each other. This helps with hand eye-coordination and dexterity as well as early mathematical understanding. We also used the light box to create castle pictures with the 2D coloured shaped.



The children have worked with the castle building up - we've had some lining up of the blocks and some stacking of the blocks! They were all motivated by colour organisation too! (or everyone's OCD came out!!)

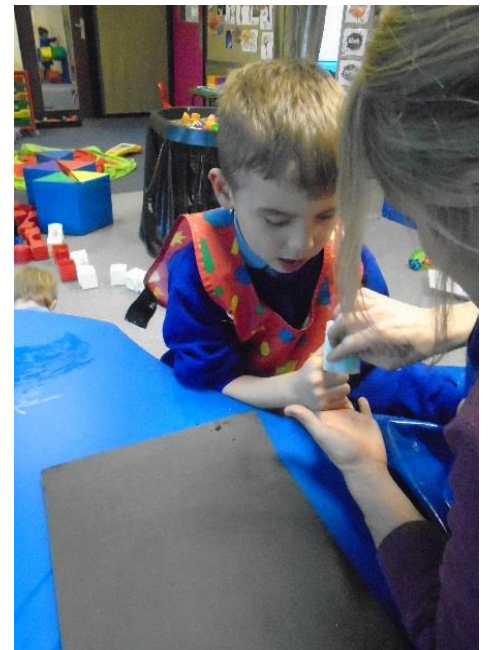


We have looked at non-fiction books about castles and looked at different photographs of castles on the internet. The children choose their favoured castle and then we drew these castles onto our pictures. Some children did some independent drawing and others had help. The children then chose the colours that they wanted to paint their castles. Blue, grey and bronze were the most popular colours (for both painting on the paper and on themselves- apologies if you child came home looking slightly like a Smurf that day!)





The snow brought great excitement this week. These three could not resist the opportunity to experience the snow first hand, they all have an appreciation for weather and nature. (The other children were not quite as enthusiastic about the snow).



Next Week... our primary focus will be on knights. We will use Mike the knight as a starting point for the learning, if anyone has any Mike the Knight toys that we could borrow for the week we would be eternally grateful.

Reminders

Please send any photos to lhall@acorns.lancs.sch.uk

Thank you ☺

A voluntary donation of £1 per week is greatly appreciated for baking, snacks, messy and sensory play items.

Please ensure all your child's items of clothing are all labelled.



Apparently the washing up wasn't quite up to standard, so Amelia stepped in to help this week!



Thank you to Bethany (and her mum) for the dragon cake treats - they were very popular!

And Finally... a big super well done to Jacob this week, for anticipating that it was morning welcome time, by standing up and signing good morning everyone to the class – what a super star!

A big wow also goes to Cole for joining in with row row row your boat- fantastic singing Cole!

And a super wow also to Oliver who said 'yes' this week!! Yay!