

# Fortnightly Journal

15/02/16 to 26/02/16

## Dear Families

This fortnight children have been busy learning about importance of Sustainable practices in our day to day life to help save the environment. Apart from activities like using left over water in the cups to water the plants, switching off the lights when natural light can be used and using recycled material for craft and construction etc, Children get to make their own paint using the small pieces of chalk. They crushed the tiny chalk pieces into powder using rolling pins, mixed water in it and painted with it.

We also used tiny crayon pieces to make new big chunky multi-coloured crayons. Children collected the small pieces of crayons, peel the paper off them, put them in trays with different shaped moulds and put them out in the sun. They were curious to see how their crayons will melt with the sun light and would make new crayons. This experience provides them an opportunity for enquiry based learning as they asked different questions about the whole process. We will continue to learn about the concept of using sunlight to melt ice, butter etc. to encourage discovery based, evidence based learning.

In exploring music, we have moved from percussion instruments to string instruments. Using empty tissue and glove boxes with rubber bands, Children have made their own guitars/ukulele and enjoyed playing music while helping their tiny finger muscles to grow.

One group of children have also composed their own song after singing “Down in the Jungle” with the teacher as a group. (See below).

Leading their own interests, Children enjoyed activities like pretend cooking in the outdoor kitchen, making play dough, Drawing, writing and painting. Constructions using various sized blocks and different construction sets. We bring outdoor indoor, children get to enjoy playing with sand using funnels and sieves.

**Incursions:** The lessons covered in Happy Feet Fitness are Dinosaurs and All about bugs. Children enjoyed dressing up as Dinosaurs and using bug hand puppets while dancing to the music.

In Active Start Sport they get to play various hand eye coordination games using Hula Hoops in different ways and they played treasure hunt, what’s the time Mr. Wolf and other engaging games with Justin

Welcome New families: We would like to welcome Chris, Edward, Mason and Aaron to 325 Early Education.

**Learning Outcome:**

2.4.7: Children develop an awareness of the impact of human activity on environments and the interdependence of living things

4.1.2: Children are curious and enthusiastic participants in their learning.

4.1.6: Children participate in a variety of rich and meaningful inquiry-based experiences

Happy learning

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*Song as composed by our artists*

**Felix:** Down in the jungle where nobody goes

There is a big crocodile

Who is looking fo ra person to eat

With a move move here

And a move move there

That's the way he is looking for a person

**Nathan :** Down in the jungle where nobody goes

There is a big big monkey

Who is looking fo r food with a jump jump here

And a jump jump there

That's the way he is looking for food

**Abigail:** Down in the jungle where nobody goes

There is a giant giant lion

Who is running around

With a run run here



And a run run there

That's the way he is running around

**Aashrita:** Down in the jungle where nobody goes

There is a baby crocodile

Who is playing and playing

With a play play here

And a play play there

That's the way he is playing around

**Amir:** Down in the jungle where nobody goes

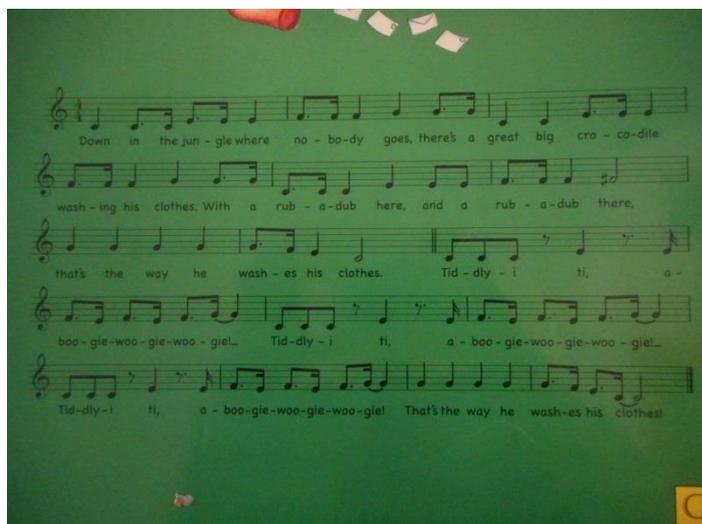
there is a big big digger

He is digging everywhere

With a dig dig here

And a dig dig there

That's the way he is digging everywhere.



*Sheet music for the song*