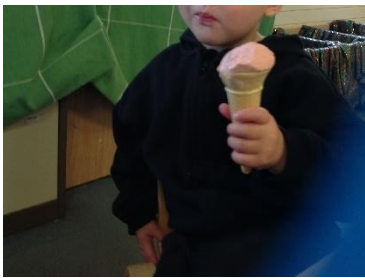


Caterpillar Nursery Learning Focus Share Summer 2



We are starting to enjoy some sunny weather at last!

This has led to the children acting out their recent experiences of summertime.

A group of children set up their own ice-cream parlour in the role-play area. They showed great imagination as they lined up various wooden fruits on the ironing board, ready to serve as ice-creams.

We decided to extend their interest by adding moulds and lollypop sticks to the playdough. This gave lots of opportunities to build up our finger muscles, as we squeezed, rolled and pinched the playdough.

We were also able to promote lots of new describing language, such as mould, scoop, squeeze, as well as maths language, how many? bigger, smaller, what shape?

The interest in this activity continued to grow, so the next step was to have ice-cream at snack time. It was Neapolitan flavour!



We have set up water -play activities outdoors. The children have really enjoyed bathing the dolls and giving the trucks a wash too! Some children chose to add plastic balls to the water, which lead to discussions around floating and sinking. We experimented with different objects that we found around the garden, to find out if they would sink or float.

During circle-time we have been linking activities to our project, where do you live?

We have been thinking about homes where animals live and introducing key vocabulary. We have played matching games, where the children have used picture cards to link animals to their homes, such as pigs in the pigsty and cows in the pasture. We are already beginning to hear these new words being used during children's play.

The book we have been reading is Oh Dear by Rod Campbell.

Our song of the moment is cows in the kitchen.



We have made our own homes too! The children independently gathered resources to build their own house. It was wonderful to see the teamwork and co-operation as they worked together.



Look how many squeezed inside!

