

TLC Nursery @ Nishmas
NEWSLETTER – 13th March 2015
Parshas Vayakhel-Pekudei

Parshas Beshalach

“The most precious jewels you’ll ever have around your neck are the arms of your children”

Hello Mums and Dads

Hope you all had a fantastic Purim! As you can see from the gorgeous photo below, the children all had a great time!



This week there are two Sidros; Vayakhel and Pekudei. There is a lot repeated this week that we have read in the last few weeks like Shabbos, Betzalel and how he build the Mishkan and the clothes that the Kohanim wore. We explained to the children that a special cloud came over the Mishkan so that B’nei Yisroel knew that Hashem was happy with them and that the Mishkan was finished.

Monday: As practitioners we are aware of the importance of young children having opportunities to use gross motor skills as a precursor to developing the fine motor skills which are needed for mark making and writing. So, we covered an area of wall with two shower curtains and stuck large pieces of paper to it. The children were free to paint, draw and mark etc. with a variety of different tools. They had large paint brushes, small paint brushes, crayons, pencils, markers and chalk....They created patterns of all sorts. We encouraged them to stretch as far as they could with their brushes, we asked them to make large swirly lines using big strokes, then small swirly lines using small strokes. Fun, exciting and imaginative and a great way to get their muscles going!!



Tuesday: Today was a very special day at nursery as we had a Birthday to celebrate!!! HAPPY 3RD BIRTHDAY RICKY from all your teachers and little friends at TLC!!! You looked so pretty today and we all loved your purple dress. We'd like to say thank you for bringing in such a pretty ballerina cake and sharing it with your friends....it was yummy!!! THANK YOU SWEETIE!!!

Today in French with Monsieur Leon the children learnt something new. They learnt how to introduce themselves in French and learnt the key phrases. "Bonjour Monsieur Leon. Je m'appelle....(name). This answer was in request to "Comment t'appelles-tu? (what is your name?). Then Monsieur Leon requested each child, one by one to sit "assieds toi s'il te plaît" and the children had to respond "Merci Monsieur Leon" WELL DONE CHILDREN, YOU WERE ALL SO POLITE! They all had fun singing French songs....Frere Jacques, Alouette and Youuu-youuu, a da da. In continuation with learning animal names in French, today a new animal was added which was 'duck' (un canard). WELL DONE CHILDREN! YOUR FRENCH SOUNDS ARE COMING ON BEAUTIFULLY!

Wednesday: What a beautiful sunny day today! We spent lots of time outdoors with different resources. Magnifying glasses are a key learning resource. Children will pick up and use magnifying glasses in all sorts of exploration. There is nothing like looking around an outdoor space for different things to magnify! We looked closely at a cob web, at a worm (this little worm proved to be very popular! It was even given a name...WORMEY THE WORM!). We looked closely at leaves and flowering buds. The children proved to us that exploring with magnifiers opens up a fascinating new world to them! WELL DONE CHILDREN, SUCH BUDDING SCIENTISTS! Indoors we played 'eye spy with my little eye' using phonic sounds. For example...I spy with my little eye something beginning with B (phonic sound). Clearly our morning phonic song is now starting to be implemented as children sang from memory and understood our instructions..."B B B BALL! "WELL DONE CHILDREN, YOUR LEARNING IS COMING ON LEAPS AND BOUNDS!

Thursday: Simple but fun, the children loved it....We played 'WHAT'S IN THE BAG?' The spoon's out of the bag! Or is it the shoe? Or brush? All the children played this guessing game to find out. We secretly placed an everyday item in a paper bag and one by one we called each child up. We asked them to close their eyes and place their hand in the bag and have a feel around. They then had to guess what the item was. We included only very common items and objects and without realising it the children were building problem solving skills that will serve them well later.

Outdoors we all had great fun and giggles throwing silk pieces of fabric and scarves into the air. As they flowed down slowly all the children had their arms stretched out to see who would be able to catch them. Some landed on children's heads which the children found hysterical!

Friday: Today Shabbos Mummy and Daddy will be Aliza and Elai.

Book of the Week: "Who Will Sing My Puff-a-bye?" Charlotte Hudson & Mary Mcquillan.

Have a great Shabbos!!!

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