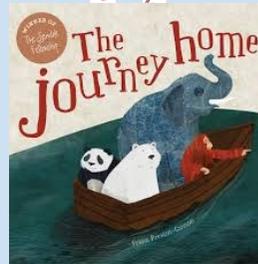


Book Week at the Infants!

Each morning the children worked in their houses in each of the four different curriculum-themed activities. All four days were inspired by children's books featuring a journey and involved plenty of team work, challenge and creativity. The children made new friends, learnt from each other and made super progress! And then we all dressed up to celebrate on the Friday! We hope your children enjoyed the week as much as we all did!

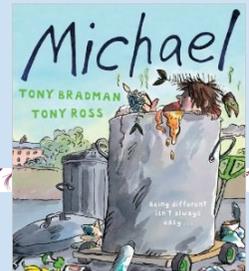
Outdoor Learning and Design/ Technology

Inspired by the book, "The Journey Home" in which four animals travel in a boat due to their habitat being destroyed, the children took part in team-building challenges, used gymnastics to explore the boat trip, collected natural artefacts to build an orang-utan collage and even watched the clouds like the animals in the story. Posed with a final problem to solve, the children worked in small groups to design a bridge out of lolly sticks and tape to enable polar bears to cross a ravine!



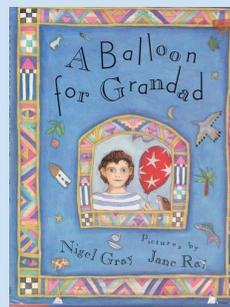
Science and Art

This session was 'Space' themed, based around the book 'Michael' by Tony Bradman and Tony Ross, about a boy who was different to other children, and "went far" despite what people thought. In four teams, all the children completed each activity. They made 'Fizzy Rockets' using vitamin tablets, film canisters and water. The children made beautiful bubble paintings of planets, galaxies and nebula, inspired by real photographs from deep space. Making galaxies in bottles was fantastic fun. The children used food colouring, glitter, oil and water and observed the interaction between the elements within the clear bottle. Children also designed their own rockets as well as constructing space craft and rocket launch-pads, just like Michael from the story.



Maths

The maths activities were based on a book called "A balloon for Grandad" by Jane Ray. Balloons and journeys featured throughout the morning, with a helium-balloon shop in which everyone took part in some buying and selling, the children also investigated number patterns, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and everyone worked hard to program a Beebot to send it on a journey of its own. Great fun was had with the parachute, using it to work out halves and quarters. It was wonderful to see the children learning together and having so much fun!



English

Using the classic story of "The Snail and the Whale" the children could choose from a range of activities to tell stories and make puppets. Some rewrote or dictated stories using the Julia Donaldson version as a springboard, but adding their own twist. Others used glitter and glue to create snail trail writing, some completed wordsearches, some speech bubbles, and some drew fabulous story maps. The children were amazingly self motivated and were busy from start to finish!

