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The theme this term was 'The Great Outdoors'. We made the most of our outside area offering 90% of the session time to playing outside. We collected a number of natural resources for our 'mud' kitchen which also enhanced play and learning opportunities.



We had a visit from our local dental nurse. She talked to us and gave practical opportunities to learn about: how teeth grow and develop, healthy food and drinks and tooth-brushing.

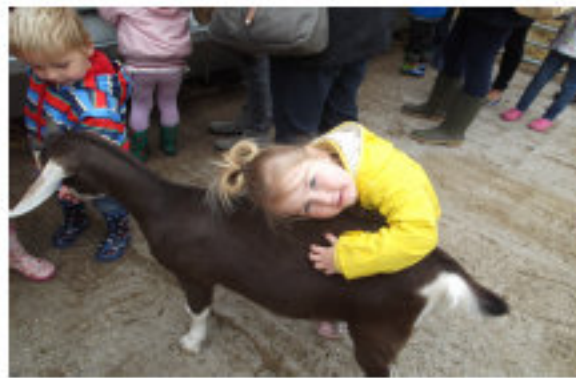


She explained the importance of cleaning our teeth demonstrating how to do it correctly and supported the children to dress up and role play being a dentist, which they all enjoyed!

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We visited Boydell's Farm in Essex, which is a small working farm that offers a real 'hands on' experience. Children had the opportunity to milk a cow, feed hens and goats and pet new born lambs and chicks.



We were also shown how sheep are sheared and learned about what happens to the fleeces. We finished off the day with a thrilling horse and cart ride and picnic lunch!



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On July 15th 2014, 1,438 children broke the GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title for the **Largest Reading Lesson**, celebrating 25 years of the classic picture book **We're Going On a Bear Hunt** at Charter Hall in Colchester, Essex UK.....and we were part of it!



We visited the local library in Clare to access the live link up to the 'Largest Reading Lesson' all wearing paper bear ears, and enjoying a unique fun-packed **Bear Hunt** reading lesson, created especially for the occasion.

Based on the children's interest we also held a special 'Pirate Day' giving children the opportunity to dress up as pirates and take part in a range of pirate themed activities.



We finished off the day with a pirate themed lunch... .. luckily no-one had to walk the plank!