

Dinosaur Day - Cherry Class

As part of our wider curriculum this Autumn Term our cherry class are focusing on Dinosaurs. At PACE we consider our wider curriculum very important and a great opportunity for them to experience/learn things that they may not get the chance to at home.

The children began their day with some free play and explorative activities that were all dinosaur themed. There were dinosaur stories, dinosaur jigsaws, and dinosaur figures with backdrops for the children to actively practise role play. These morning activities are important for children to develop socially as they get to interact with both peers and staff whilst developing their own story telling and gross motor skills.

After play time the children were transported to an excavation dig where they become palaeontologists. Their job was to use their chisel and brush to search and preserve their own dinosaur fossils. This activity was extremely beneficial for the children as it allowed them to experience what it would be like for a real palaeontologist whilst giving them the chance to develop their gross motor skills.

The children thoroughly enjoyed being palaeontologists for the morning and discovering their different parts of their dinosaur. They were extremely enthusiastic.

"This is so fun"

"Oh, wow Miss I can't believe I've found more bones for the dinosaur"

For the afternoon, the children were given many opportunities to explore their creativity skills whilst taking part in different arts and craft activities. They made their own dinosaur skeleton pictures using art straws and sand. They then created their own dinosaur magnets using moulds and plaster. To end the afternoon the children made a split pin dinosaur whilst talking about their chosen dinosaur.

It was a fun-filled day that included lots of hands-on activities, the class thoroughly enjoyed our topic day and we believed it was a great success!

