

Classroom News



Class Name: Blaise

Term: Term 5 2023-2024

Topic: Materials and their properties

What we have been doing this term:

This term, Blaise class have been exploring and thinking about various materials – if they are smooth or rough, hard or soft, heavy or light and then deciding if they are strong. To do so we have produced a display linked to the song 'London Bridge' and have created a bridge using the four materials: paper, straw, sticks and bricks. Each of our students have manipulated these substances through messy play and sensory trays to create each section of our bridge. They have also had music linked to various other materials in Focus Group where they've experienced the differences in how reflective each one is in a dark space while exercising their eye muscles for focus and tracking.

In movement to music we have all enjoyed alerting and moving our bodies in time to songs which relate to different materials, ending in a relaxing hand and foot massage to offer gentle stretches with a calming approach. Through our literacy activities we have enjoyed Drama with Anna, thinking about the textures of the various characters in the Wizard of Oz, Story Massage, our very own 'Castle School Builders' sensory story and Let's Connect activities which all encouraged engagement in language and rhyme alongside sensory items through cause and effect and/or touch – including some wonderful sunny play times where we were able to use our communication aids to activate the swing and roundabout with our friends.

We have also made paper-straw sensory rain-stick bottles with plastic beads, paper flower-seed bombs and have been digging in soil to plant seeds for our sensory garden and a sunflower growing competition with our families.

We now look forward to transferring our knowledge about these materials into the next half of this summer term when we will be thinking about different homes from around the world and the variety of unusual materials used to make them.

...Be prepared for a messy few weeks!

Some photos of us!



Dates & Points to remember:

Last day of term: Friday 24th May

First day back: Monday 3rd June

Sports Day: Thursday 20th June

Castle Fest Fete: Saturday 22nd June 1pm – 3pm

Paultons Park: Tuesday 9th July

Last day of term: Wednesday 24th July