

Thrive Base Newsletter - Term, Summer 1

This term our topic has been **Around the World**.

We have been exploring a different continent each week.

The continents we have been exploring are:

- * North America
- * South America
- * Europe
- * Africa
- * Asia
- * Australia

In North America we made:

- * Brownies
- * Totem poles
- * Dream catchers

In South America we have made:

- * Our own musical instruments
- * Jungle slime
- * Role playing with jungle animal masks

In Europe we have made:

- * Worry dolls
- * Using pasta and playdough to make creations
- * Science - Researching into Mount Vesuvius and creating our own volcanoes.

In Africa we have made:

- * Hand drums
- * Scavenger hunt, finding and rescuing the safari animals

In Asia we have made:

- * Origami, making a dog and frog
- * Banana bread
- * Cardboard tube dragons

In Australia we have made:

- * Rainbow bread
- * Exploring aboriginal art
- * Boomerangs

The Thrive Approach supports the notion that the outdoors is an ideal location for carrying out Thrive work, as it provides a wealth of opportunities for both open-ended and structured learning. With this in mind we have been utilising our outdoor areas; the playground, trim trail and weekly Nature Area trips.

As well as structured Thrive activities and play opportunities, the children also complete their class English, Maths and Phonics in the Thrive Base daily.

As you can see the children have been rather busy this term! Next term, our theme will be 'On the farm'.

From
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