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Bony High Fives and Firework Skies







It was lovely to be back after the holidays, this week I was back in Red Room with the younger children. I had a wonderful welcome from A, who came through the door and gave me a great big hug, calling, “Miss Rachel! Miss Rachel!” She then excitedly told me she had a rainbow cat at home!

We started the morning exploring colourful feathers and pom-poms. H joined us, we had great fun playing Round and Round the Garden with the feathers. The children particularly enjoyed tickling me under the chin! A then discovered another tray of pom-poms and came rushing back, saying, “Look at these! They’re so cool, and they’re so soft!” Meanwhile, A was busy at the painting easel, creating a lovely picture full of wintry, fiery colours. K and A were also enjoying mixing bonfire-coloured paints on the tuff tray.



As it was Bonfire Week, we headed outside to create our own firework paintings. Lots of children joined in, including Z, I, A, A, A, H, M, A, A, H L, A, A, E and R, to name a few! Working on large sheets of black paper, we experimented with cut cardboard tubes, big circular tubes and little wire sponges, which were perfect for twisting to create swirling, spinning fireworks. Z particularly enjoyed this activity and stayed for most of the session. We had great fun making firework noises together, “Zoom! Whoosh! Bang!” as we painted. L also did lots of painting, helping to fill the paper with wonderful bursts of colour. The finished artwork looked great, with bright firework colours standing out beautifully against the black background.



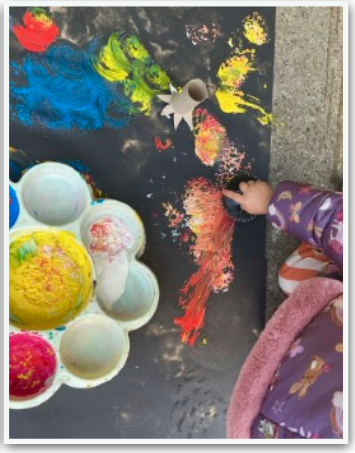












After lunch, we moved on to autumn leaves. I'd collected some beautiful coloured leaves on a walk in the park, and we used these alongside rollers and trays of red and yellow paint. A and H spent a long time exploring the activity. H had brought along a dinosaur, which he enjoyed painting orange and feeding leaves to! I enjoyed investigating the leaves, E had great fun with the rollers, and R got thoroughly stuck in with the paint. There was lots of lovely experimenting going on. The children used rollers, sponges, brushes, leaves and, of course, their hands! They mixed colours, made prints and discovered different textures and marks. Someone brought paint over from the easel and dipped leaves into the paint pots. It was wonderful to see their curiosity and confidence as they explored their own ideas.








It was a beautiful autumn day, bright and sunny, if a little chilly, so I decided to introduce the children to my friend, Mr Bones! They were instantly fascinated and wanted to give him high fives. Unfortunately, Mr Bones had left one of his arms at home he'd been enjoying painting so much that his arm had carrying painting

without him! The children seemed to love the story of his missing arm. They were soon busy painting Mr Bones in all sorts of rainbow colours, carefully using their brushes to reach into all the little gaps, curves and spaces between his bones. R enjoyed himself so much that he stayed for the whole session, doing lots of painting. H joined us too and told me she'd seen a skeleton in a field! She also found a dinosaur and had great fun using it to scare Mr Bones.








It was a lovely, playful way to explore the shapes and structure of the body, while practising brush control and hand-eye coordination. What a fun and colourful first week back with the younger children! I've been really impressed by their enthusiasm for painting and exploring art materials. There were so many lovely moments of creativity, curiosity and laughter throughout the day.

I'm still getting to know everyone, and I'm sure I've missed mentioning a few names, but I'm looking forward to learning more about the children and seeing where their creativity takes me next!