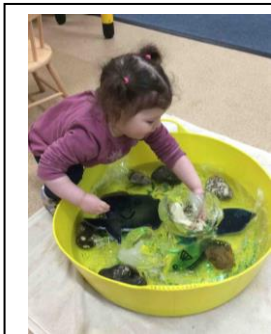


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What have we been doing this week? Here are some of our favourite Dormice moments:



Practising throwing and catching with balloons gives us a little longer to **sight, track and catch** than with a conventional ball. Plus it's great fun too!



Risk takers: Annie meets the challenge to reach inside one of the cold and slippery **ice balloons** to retrieve the pond frogs. Noticing changes as the ice melts is part of Understanding the World.



'Smellevision' to stimulate our senses with orange peel and rosemary & thyme.



'Five little speckled frogs sat on a bumpy log...' is this week's counting rhyme and Adam sings happily as he re-enacts it with the toy frogs.



Focus upon the Characteristics of Effective Learning

Active Learning concerns **motivation** - the 'will' to keep going and to keep on trying; persisting with an activity when challenges occur.



In this example, some of the rubber blocks don't seem to line up and connect very easily, but Amelie doesn't give up and persists with the task until she has successfully built a tall tower.



Your kindness in helping us to raise funds this week was much appreciated. Through your generosity, we were able to send a donation for the families in Ukraine following our cake sale, as well as to support Mary's Meals through our annual sponsored Skipathon.

What can we look forward to next week?

Lots of stimulating opportunities for learning as we celebrate **Science Week**. British Science Week aims to spark interest in science, which is important as it helps us to make sense of the world around us. The theme for this year is '**Growth**'. There will be some mathematics fun on **Pi day**. We will also be holding our school **Book Fair**, so it's another busy week ahead.

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