Hello WPOOSC family, welcome to 2019

This is a quick update on activities during our last term and an outlook for Term 1.

Term 4 was a busy, fun and emotional end to the year. We said good bye to a wonderful group of children heading to high school or new schools.

We celebrated the opening of the log equipment with the school community through a pizza party and hosted a wonderful Christmas party where dancing was a huge hit. When the warmer weather arrived, we decided to make a water boat ramps, measured volume with water in the trough and played tip with spray bottles. In the mornings and on the few cooler days we had the children were eager to take the opportunity to play cricket and soccer.

The children loved the various items, materials and large boxes available for craft, these allowed them to experiment and express their creativity. We also created our own yoga cards, the children excitedly experimented with their physical movements and showed each other what they could do.

We were so excited to see how our 3 new chickens have grown and watch them run around in the mornings. We love feeding them our scraps and leafy greens from our garden.

We purchased a compost turner which has allowed the children to turn our scraps and see the compost transform for use in the garden. For Christmas presents many of the children created plant pot gift, they identified their favourite succulent from our gardens, we took clippings and decorated pots to put them in.

During Term 4 Jonathan went to Japan and Will TK travelled to Morocco. Their journeys allowed us to continue our exploration of planet Earth. Using a map of the world, and a globe, we followed their route, logging their adventure and showing photos and emails when the guys were able to update the Centre. On Jonathan’s return he was able to share some incredible stories, many of which we turned into craft activities. Will was able to send photos of his visits to different sights and locations which we were able to share with the children.

Kaitlyn, Justin and their friends researched Abu Dhabi as they prepared for the big family move. We are looking forward to keeping in contact with Justin and Kaitlyn as they share their part of the world with us.

The children’s own amazing talents and abilities, such as creating really long French knitting and loom bands, inspired us to make the ‘West Pymble Book of Records’. Reading the Guiness World Record books, the year 4 children took control and used technology to design the cover and create inserts for the other children to document their records. It has been an inspiration in the craft room, on the obstacle courses, ball games and in a range of activities as they work hard to do their best and add it to the record. We can’t wait to see them create new records during 2019

We engaged in three creative projects including the construction of our Xylophone, the painting of our plaster of Paris creations and ‘Susie Art’ class. These experiences have been a huge hit, learning new techniques with pride and excitement.

Building our working Xylophones required the children to follow the instruction book, identifing the steps, symbols and building the structure, it was wonderful seeing children of different ages working together and helping each other. We have so much fun creating music devloping new sounds.

‘Susie Art’ class has been a 4 week project every Monday morning with one of our talented Educators, we commenced with investigating the color wheel, using the color wheel to guide the children to create shading on trees and then transfering this information to outdoor inspired paintings and still-life flower paintings. We look forward to extending our newly learnt skills throughout the year.

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