



Term Report

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OSHClub news

This term the children have been very busy collaborating with educators to design programs from interests and ideas based on weekly themes used in the program.

We focused on implementing a theme for each week which allowed us to plan activities based on that specific theme. We used children's' ideas as well in the program in order to engage them and make activities more relevant to them. One theme was a space theme and children had created their own alien using play dough. This activity allowed children to be imaginative and worked their fine motor skills and dexterity needed to mould play dough into the forms they chose. (picture displayed below)

We held a dress up competition and children walked down the aisle parading different outfits while other children sat as audience members and others as judges, giving scores to the participants. The children really enjoyed this. It provided children with the opportunity to not just do something fun but also be able to participate in a competition and learn how to win and lose, how to problem solve and also be creative. (Picture displayed below)

We also focused on sustainability this term and communicated with the children and parents to bring in recyclable materials. We also had discussions about sustainability and the impact it has on the earth. We had a poster competition with the children. This was not only about winning as it helped children learn more about sustainability; why it is important and how they can contribute in a small way to making their world better. It provided the children with the opportunity to use their creativity and imagination as well.

When we started our recyclable material area the children were so excited about it and built so many wonderful creations. There were rocket ships, robots, houses and bird feeders to name a few. It allowed children to express themselves freely and do something they found joy in.



Staffing

Coordinator – Sophia Scasserra
Assistant Coordinator – Andrea Jayasekera
Educator – Lisa Nguyen

The three of us are the main staff, however as the numbers were very high in first term we had to get other staff member in to assist us- we used regular casuals to ensure the routines were not affected and children could build great relationships with all staff also!

What do you love about working at Aveley OSHClub?

Sophia: The friendliness and warmth that both the parents and students display towards staff, creating a positive work environment.

Andrea: I love getting to know the children and working with their interests and learning from them and how we can improve our service to suit their needs.

Lisa: implementing craft activities that engage children and enable learning.

Activities

Cultural week

We decided to have diversity as one of our weekly themes. The children learnt about different cultures and discussed among their peers and other educators where each of them originated. We prepared cultural foods such as pasta when it was Italian day and created beautiful masks. We also made noodles and created dragon crafts for the day we learnt about China. The children also learnt some cultural dances and learnt a lot of new information about their friends at OSH.

Craft activity

We did so many crafts this term, everyday children had different craft activities that tied in with our weekly theme. Most children enjoyed our craft activities as some of them were what the children suggested and therefore kept them interested. It is amazing to see the participation from the children and its always a lot of fun. We had crafts such as superhero masks, fairy pop sticks, dragons and origami in order to keep all age groups connected and engrossed in activities meaningful to them.



Physical Activity

Lots of physical activity this term through programmed games such as freeze tag, musical statues, musical bobs, farmer sam, night at the museum and spontaneous play.

These activities are played by children of various age groups and older children were very respectful of the younger ones. These games involve a lot of gross motor skills, balance, coordination and listening. It also provides children with the opportunity to participate and interact with others, problem solve and be understanding of all children involved.

Construction is another activity children love being a part of, whether it's with Lego, blocks, brain flakes or tubes. Children of all ages love construction. They even worked together on certain projects as shown in the pictures below. They would construct houses out of the Lego with each room of the house, they make chairs using the bigger blocks and really develop their creativity along with learning how to problem solve and work together. We try and keep activities fun and engaging while also developing children's learning in an exciting way.



Usage levels and vacancies



