



# Creative English Weekly

An insiders guide to your child's progress

Friday, January 31, 2014

## ANIMAL ACTION!



Oh, Canada! What a fantastic week! The classroom has been over run by beautiful wildlife. A family of moose have taken up residence in the classroom.

The children are trying to decide on their names but it is very tricky having a mummy moose called "Digger" or "Mr Cheese"!

We made very funny beaver face masks and talked about the importance of healthy teeth. In cooking we made super fun wild rabbits with marshmallow teeth and pear faces. We also made cute felt forest owls, which are keeping the small rodents out, and giant acorns using masking tape to make shapes, which we then painted to create a criss-cross effect. The classroom is looking very green!

### Academics

We have been including lots of 's, a, t' games and songs this week to help everyone remember phonics sounds. During circle time we have been grouping pictures using starting sounds in words such as "sun, ant, turtle" etc. Alongside this we tried using 'a' and 't' sounds combined to make 'at', changing the first letter around (cat, mat etc). Sounds tricky... It was, but lots of visuals were used so everyone understood clearly the objectives and could explore using their own individual creative thinking skills. The phonics sound 'i' was introduced but it's quite hard to get used to so we will continue with this sound next week.

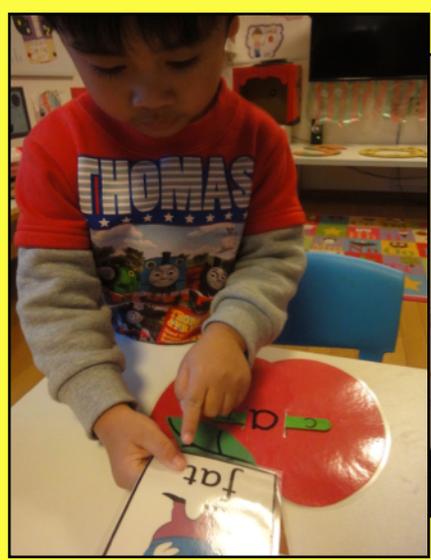
### Some highlights of the week



What big teeth you have? No, not a big bad wolf but super yummy rabbit pear cookies!



Cute owls are helping the school to be rodent free. Thanks a lot owls!



Letter recognition helps the children learn phonics sounds and correct pronunciation.

### Reminders

Please encourage your child to explain their workbooks as often as possible. It helps with self-confidence and encourages them to be proud and share their achievements.



Cooking is



so much



FUN!

