



News Story – Celebrating World Coconut Day

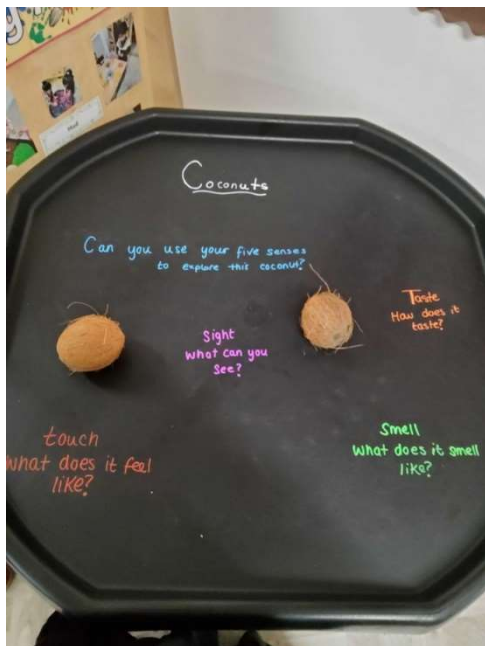
This week we explored coconuts for World Coconut Day. We used our 5 senses to explore the coconut, the children enjoyed feeling, smelling and tasting the coconuts.

To start the activity off, we brought out coconuts and showed them to the children, we asked, “What do you see when you look at this coconut?” As expected, we heard a variety of responses!

- “Well, it’s a coconut.”
- “it’s kind of round and hairy, why has it got hair?”
- “Brown!”
- “What are those three things?” (pointing to the eyes of the coconut)
- “Hey, it looks like a bowling ball”



Our next question was, “How does the coconut feel?” and the responses we received were:



- “It’s still hairy? Is this really hair on the coconut?”
- “it’s kind of hard.”
- “Rough!”

The children were then encouraged to take turns to shake the coconut and listen to what was inside and use their noses to smell the coconut.

We talked about sour and sweet tastes, before we opened the coconut and tasted it. The children were asked “What does the coconut taste like?”

- “It tastes just like a coconut. But it’s wetter.”
- “I love it!”
- “The water inside it was yummy but I don’t really like the white stuff.”