

## News Story – Chocolate Day

## **Babies**

In celebration of Chocolate Day, the children enjoyed exploring chocolate scented playdough. They used their senses to explore the chocolate based activities by smelling and touching the dough, developing their sensory skills.

Using colourful cutters they created different shapes in the playdough, we encouraged them to identify and repeat the names and colours, supporting their language and cognitive skills.

Children demonstrated good communication skills as they talked about chocolate and how delicious it can be, we also talked about how unhealthy they are for our teeth and the importance of eating healthy.









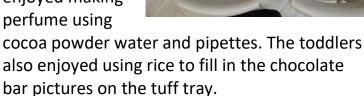
## **Toddlers**

In celebration of Chocolate Day, we had a variety of fun and exciting chocolate related activities set up.

The toddlers enjoyed exploring chocolate playdough. We talked about what we could smell, feel, and see. Playing with playdough is a great way to enhance children's fine motor skills, creativity, and language development. While playing with the playdough, the toddlers were developing their fine motor skills, hand eye coordination, problem solving skills and their language development.



In the water area the toddlers enjoyed making perfume using



Children poured coco water from one jug to another, developing their hand eye coordination skills. As the children were filling the chocolate bar pictures with rice, we spoke about shapes we could see on the tuff tray.









## **Pre-School**

We planned engaging activities around Chocolate Day for the children to interact with.





One of the activities was on our messy tuff tray which had cocoa powder sprinkled on it with the first 6 phonics letters that we have been learning - s, a, t, p, i and n. Children used a wooden stick to practise forming the letters and practising the sounds.

Our other activity was a creative activity which involved children decorating their own mugs with powder paint.
Children were provided with different craft materials like paint, pompoms and matchsticks and they used their creativity to decorate the mugs.





Preschool had a lot of fun interacting with the activities set out for the day.





