

Prep/1 News



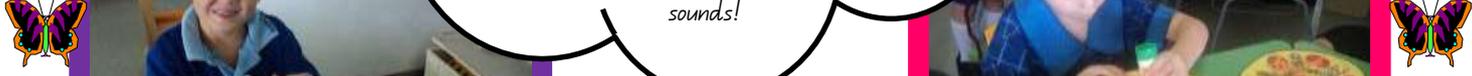
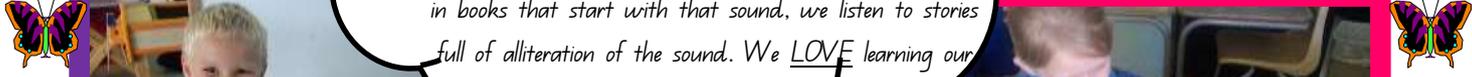
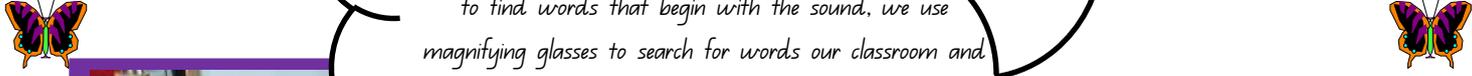
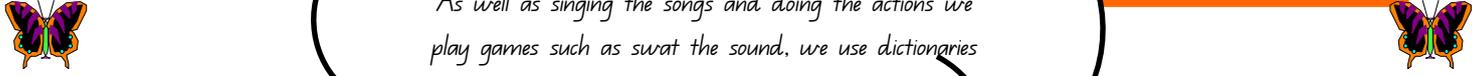
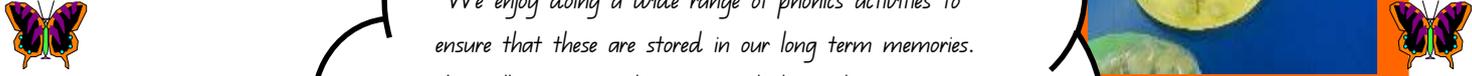
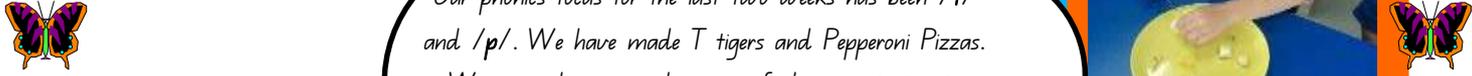
We have been busy little bees here in the Prep/1 room getting our café up and running. The idea of setting up a café came about after having an amazing tea party in the sandpit during our outdoor play session last week. The students (and Miss Fitzpatrick) enjoyed this tea party so much that we decided to set up a café in the classroom. After a brainstorming session to decide on the name of the café- The

Rainbow Café we created a list of things we need for our cafe and got decorating.

Here is the finished product ... Make sure you come in for a visit to see it up close - it is truly wonderful! A **BIG thank you** to Mrs Donnelly and Mrs Chappell for building our café and helping to make it look SO incredible! Mrs Chappell has also been so kind as to sew some special costumes for us to wear in our café.



The Rainbow Café



Making fruit kebabs.

Our phonics focus for the last two weeks has been /t/ and /p/. We have made T tigers and Pepperoni Pizzas. We enjoy doing a wide range of phonics activities to ensure that these are stored in our long term memories. As well as singing the songs and doing the actions we play games such as swat the sound, we use dictionaries to find words that begin with the sound, we use magnifying glasses to search for words our classroom and in books that start with that sound, we listen to stories full of alliteration of the sound. We LOVE learning our sounds!



Show and Share

We had our first week of show and share last week. We thoroughly enjoyed listening to the other student's stories.



Show and Share is good fun!



Imaginative play

"Imagination is more important than knowledge generally. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand." - Albert Einstein

It may seem like we are always playing and having fun here in the p/i room however it is with good reason. Research has found that not only do children build essential skills, they also build important connections in the brain. As adults we often under value the importance of play.

Stimulating play-based experiences in the early years contribute to the structure and capacity of your child's brain. Social-emotional skills, problem solving skills, language and vocabulary skills as well as disciplinary skills are many of the skills your child learns in play situations.

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