The children have been very busy during Term One with lots of hands-on investigations, play and guided learning. We have spent the term getting to know each other and learning all about our bodies and their amazing senses, 2D and 3D shapes, Bible stories and safe behaviours around school, home and water.

During our Science block each week, we have been spending our time learning all about the senses. The children have learnt all about their sense of touch, smell, taste, sight and hearing through hands-on investigations and experiments that allow the children to develop questions and answers. We have had so much fun learning about our senses this term as we made our way from our sense of touch at the start of the term, to our sense of taste at the end. Some examples of the experiences we had this term include finger painting, making popcorn, a milk, food colouring and detergent investigation, dying flowers and having a visit from a pet lamb. All of these experiences allowed the children to use and explore with their senses through enjoyable activities that helped to develop their knowledge and understanding of the senses.

We have been focusing on Geometry this term and we are almost able to identify all of our 2D shapes, well done! We began the term by focusing on 2D shapes and their properties, which our Pre Primaries already knew quite well. The Pre Primaries then moved onto their 3D shapes. We have been identifying shapes in our environments, both inside and outside of the classroom, and enjoying activities such as making our shape monsters, paint stamping with shapes, and making shapes using materials such as toothpicks and playdough. I am so proud of how far our Kindy children have come with their knowledge of their 2D shapes, as well as our Pre Primaries with their 2D and 3D shapes. They are all doing so well!

Religious Education (RE) this term has involved reading a story from ‘The Early Reader’s Bible’ based on friendship and families, and then completing an activity based around that story. An example of one we did towards the end of term was after reading ‘God Made Many Things’ we then created each piece of the story (a world, sun, moon,
stars, trees, animals, and a man and a woman). This was over several weeks as the children worked to complete several parts of the story each lesson. Each part was then put together to recreate the Bible story in picture form for the children to look back on.

Finally, Health was focused on safety around school, home and water which fitted in perfectly with our swimming lessons! To help the children with their knowledge of safety around water, we used the ‘Kids Alive Do The Five’ resources. These came in the form of books as well as short videos that helped to reinforce what the books were teaching the children. The children loved these resources as they were fun and I loved them, as they are both fun and educational! We also looked at how to be more sustainable in our environment, this meant we got to have a go at making our own recycled paper – this was an interesting activity for all of us, lots of mess and lots of fun!

I am looking forward to another busy term incorporating lots of exciting, enjoyable and hands on activities that we will use to further develop the children’s knowledge and understanding in a variety of areas.

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