

Possums Monday 11 September

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Marvellous Monday in the Possums with Narelle, Clara, Sarah and Ellie

What's under the spotty cloth today?

Taneh: "Bugs".

Fernando: "Small bug, bigger bug, ginormous bug".

Ella: "A word, I think it says bee. It starts with b then it says e, e".

We also recognised that on the other side of the box was a different word.

"It has more letters in it" Caleb observed.

Narelle explained that when q and u come together they make a 'cw' sound.

Fernando observed the word on the box... "It has a qu qu in it then e and e and n".

We sounded out the word and realised it said QUEEN.

"There's a queen bee" said Ella.



What do you know about the queen bee? Narelle asked

Caleb: "She's the queen of all bees".

Fernando: "When she wants honey she asks the other bees to help".

Taneh: "The queen bee lays the eggs".

Betty: "The queen asks them to get the pollen from the flowers".

Narelle explained that there are different types of bees.

Worker bees are female and are the smaller bees.

Drone bees are male and don't have stingers.



We watched a video on the smartboard about bees and their different roles.

We talked about what we learnt...

Kai : "Bees make honey".

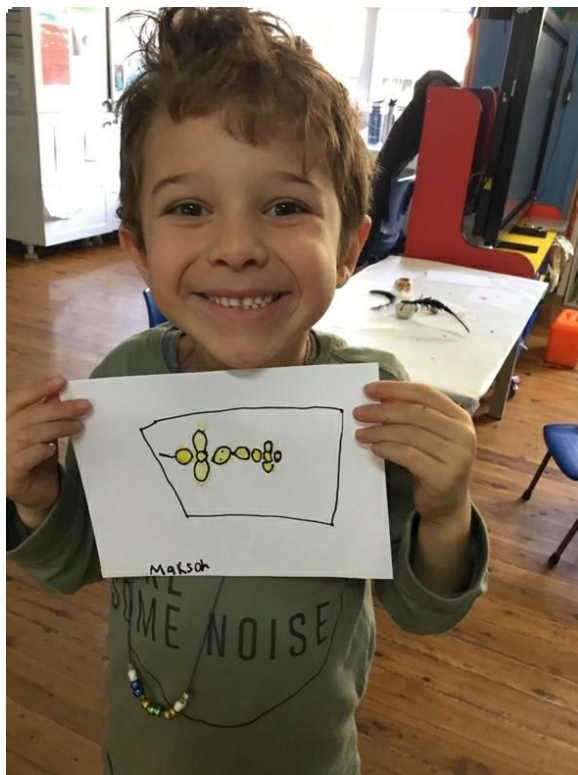
Betty: "The doctor (nurse) bees look after the eggs".

Fernando: "They cover up the honey with wax".



Following on from our discussion about qu-qu-queen bees we did some direct drawing of bees.

We used the magnifying glasses to closely observe the real specimens of bees, drawing the details with black texta and then using watercolours to paint them.

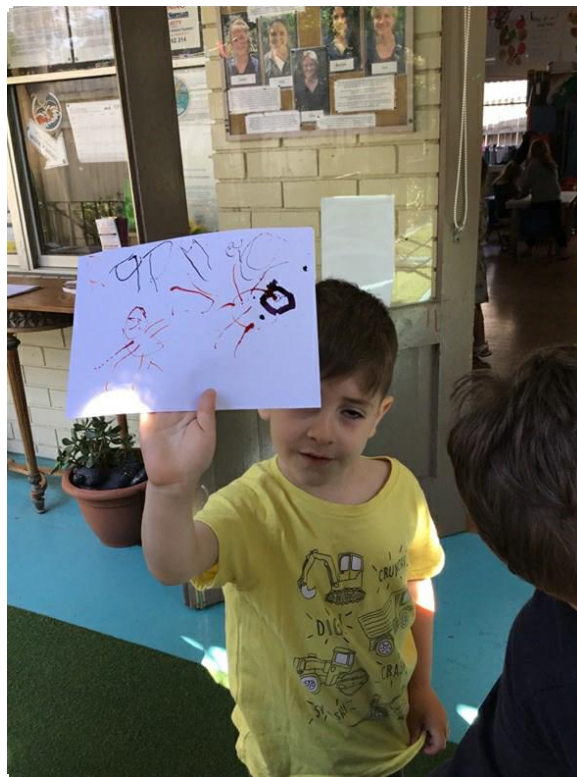






We practised writing with qu-qu-quills and ink in pots.





We made crowns fit for qu-qu-queens and kings.





Playing with qu-qu-quicksand was a lovely sensory experience. We used our hands to mix the cornflour into the water.







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We enjoyed some relaxing easel painting.
Painting alongside each other provides a lovely opportunity to chat with our friends and share ideas.





We are really enjoying our time outside with the lovely warm weather.
Today we loved practising with the hula hoops



Riding the balance bikes shooting basketball hoops ...



Making pretend worlds in the castle, and being creative with construction toys..





We love playing in the treehouse and using the slide ..





and being creative in the sandpit or just enjoying playing with our friends.

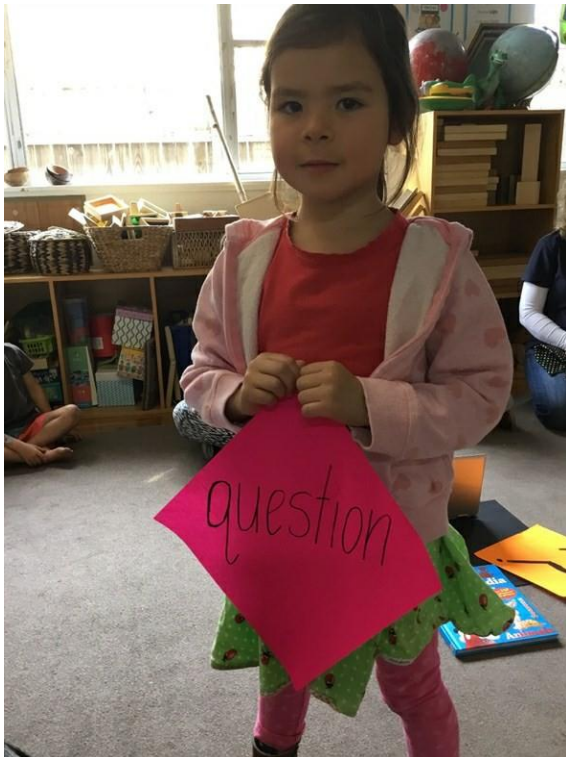


Back inside, Narelle asked "What's a qu-question mark?"

Lucas: "You solve problems".

Billi: "You have to put them on the end of your words".

Henry: "When you're doing a pattern like yellow, green, yellow, green and there's a question mark you have to finish the pattern".



“What else can you see on the mat?”

Lotti: "A computer". Fallon : "A book".

What kind of book is it?

Henry: "A encyclopedia. It gives you so much information". Hanalei : "A word".

We sounded the word out together and it said “question”

What do you do if you want to find out an answer to a qu-qu-question? Narelle asked.

Taneh: "You could ask someone that you know". Billi: "You could ask your Mum or Dad". Philip: "You figure it out".

Lucas: "Use a map". Ella "You can look in the computer".

Narelle explained that we were going to use the smartboard and computer to ask 'Google' our questions.

'Google' is a search engine that looks up lots of information from all around the world to give us answers.

Sarah suggested we look up what the weather is in Mona Vale today. Google told us it was currently 21 degrees!

We were full of questions...

Kai's question was "how big is the world?".

Ella's question was "how do mummy dogs have dog babies?".

Billi's question was "how big are dogs?"

Taneh's question was "how do all the planets fit?"

Ben's question was "how big are the planets?"

...luckily Google had all the answers!



Asking Google questions has really inspired our curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. We have decided that tomorrow we will have a look at our "I Wonder Why" books to find out more answers to our questions about the world. It's great to know that we can resource our learning in different ways!

Thank you Possums for such a lovely day of fun and adventure

