

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, to compliment our focus on reading stories, we were lucky enough to have a visit from Clare Foges, a Noah's Ark parent and author, who came in to share her book with the children. Thank you so much Clare, the children all really enjoyed listening.



The Sustainable Fashion Event on Saturday night was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who donated clothes, helped to set up on the night, tidied up, modelled and came to support the event. **We raised £2,900 for Pre-school resources for the children which is just so fantastic!**

This week we have been looking at the **natural world** around us. The sand table has been really popular, as well as exploration of natural objects such as shells and pebbles. We have made rubbings and talked about the objects we are exploring with the children. For instance, 'is it shiny?' 'Is it heavy?', 'Does it feel rough?'. Connecting words with objects helps to support the children to understand the world around them and later with their reading comprehension. We have been using the bird toys in our thinking times and have been blown away by how many children can recognise different garden birds.



We have also had a great time making and eating noodle and vegetable salads. Hopefully some made it home for you to try!



Please remember we are **closed next week for Half term** and will re-open on Monday 19th February. After half term we will be re-launching our **book borrowing scheme**. Your child's Key Person will give them a tote bag with their name on that they can use to borrow books from the Noah's Ark library. The book borrowing library is in the corridor as you come into Pre-school. We have lots of different factual and fiction books that we hope you will all enjoy.



Have a great half term,

The Noah's Ark Team.

