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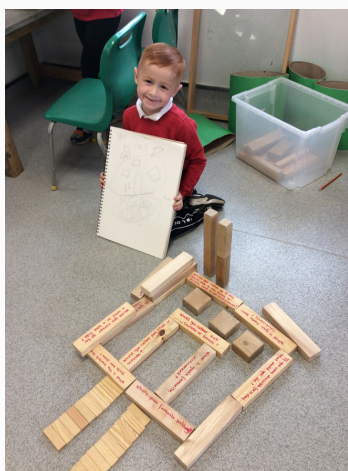
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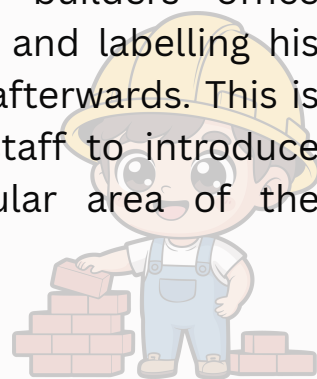
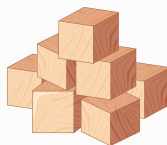
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PRIMARY SCHOOL

ASPIRE ENJOY ACHIEVE

Design and Build in Reception



The children in reception class are enjoying their new construction area with a builders office installed. Jody enjoyed designing and labelling his model, building it and evaluating afterwards. This is a fantastic way for Early Years staff to introduce early mark making into a popular area of the classroom.



Science and Nature Club are builders too!



The children from science and nature club took their building outside on Tuesday afternoon. They were challenged to build tiny dens suitable for a small character to live in and certainly rose to the challenge. This activity was inspired by a 'Learning through Landscapes' conference that was attended by Mrs Murphy and Ros last week. They came back with lots of new ideas and resources to share with staff and children. It's great to see them being used already.



What do you know about John Smeaton?

You might think about the local high school when we ask the question about John Smeaton; however if you ask our Y1 children, they can tell you an awful lot more information about the man himself. One of their history topics this year has been all about John Smeaton the civil engineer, after who the school is named. They can tell you about the canals, bridges and lighthouses he designed and will proudly tell you he was born not very far away from here in Leeds. We love linking our history learning to our local area. Last week we took the opportunity to make links with the high school and Y1 visited John Smeaton to take part in a two part art activity on lighthouses, they were certainly the smallest children in school that day! The project continues next week when they make their final visit to complete their artwork.



Back in school this week, the Y1 children have turned their attention to John Smeaton's canal design and building and had a go themselves. We are sure, if he was still alive today he would be very proud of the civil engineers we have created in Y1.

