

LACHLAN'S PUMPKIN DISH



I was standing by the playdough table when I got a whiff of cucumber, I turned to see Lachlan busy at work. "Mmm that looks and smells interesting Lachlan, what are you making?" I asked. "I am making a pumpkin thing", Lachlan replied. "I need 1 cup of flour, 5 cups of sugar and salt and pepper".

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I offered Lachlan 1 cup of flour and he sprinkled it over very artistically. I had to go outside and when I returned he had added some marrow as well and then he had found some dye to make it more beautiful.

Lachlan is very resourceful and he had noticed the cucumber and marrow by the kitchen and he had decided that they looked ready to be used in his baking.

The playdough was on the bottom and the pumpkin thing had got so big that we had to find another container to contain it all. It just kept growing in size until I told Lachlan that he we needed to share some with others.

Lachlan was very pleased with his baking and he told me to write down the recipe.

We thought he had worked so hard on his baking that he really should take it home to show Dad. Luckily Mum thought that was a good idea, and I hear Dad was very impressed too.

Lachlan has written many new recipes since his pumpkin dish and he tells us that he would really like to go to Mummy or Nana's supermarket shopping for ingredients one day.

We better get planning Lachlan.

LACHLAN'S TROLLEY



"I can help you Lachlan", Isla offered



Lachlan had spotted the chilly bin by the kitchen and he thought it might make a great trolley to carry things, so he set about finding some wheels. I suggested the cardboard reels and he thought that was a great idea. After much sellotape and help from Isla the trolley was ready to go. Everyone wanted to have at turn. Good work Lachlan.....

LACHLAN AND SETH



It is great to see Lachlan welcoming Seth into his play, as sometimes he chooses to play alone so that his game and thinking is not changed. Building this very complex block construction proved to be challenging, with a little help to create the strong foundation it stood strong until finally it got so high - IT CRASHED. Lachlan and Seth laughed.



THINGS THAT GO



Lachlan loves technology and mechanical appliances. Everyday he goes in search of the things he needs and the vacuum cleaner, ipad and stereo are high on his list. Anything electrical absolutely captures his attention and he needs be able to explore it and play with it. Lachlan wants to know how things work, what makes them go and he wants to experiment with it to see what the possibilities are. Lachlan is so curious and inquisitive about the world around him.

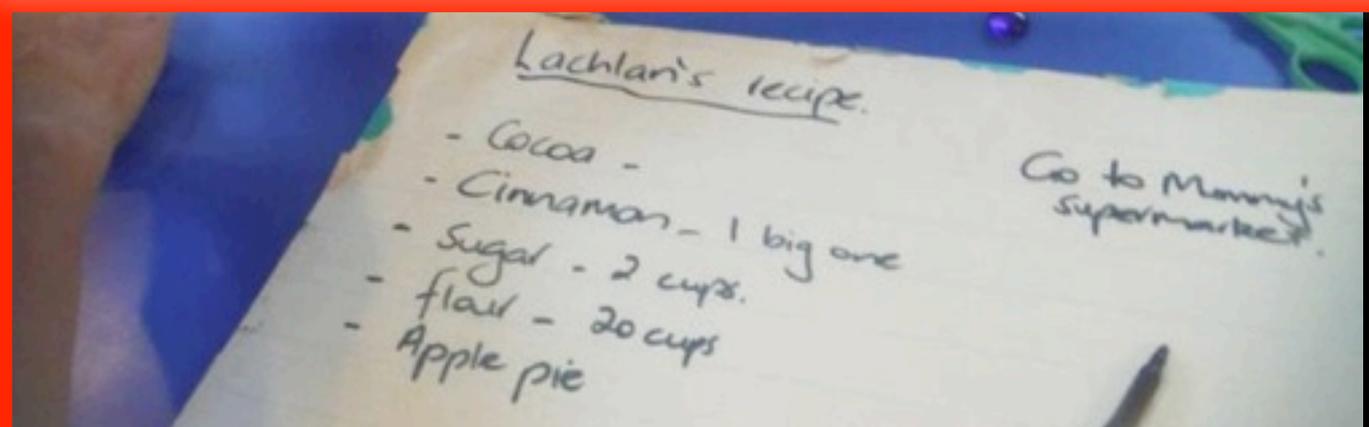


WOW



AWESOME

Lachlan is writing for purpose, it is in the context of his play, his passions and his interests. He is learning that words start on the left hand side and move across the page. This is what we call linear mock writing, He is starting to develop some distinctive repetition in his strokes and an occasional "o", which is called mock letter writing. Lachlan understands that his marks can be read by others, as his recipes. He is learning to communicate his love of baking through the language he knows right now which is stroke making. Maybe you would like to make your own recipe book Lachlan??





Lachlan made a decision today to start at the painting easel with Mum alongside.

They talked about what he might paint and Lachlan decided to surprise us with 3 beautifully colourful flowers and a rainbow.

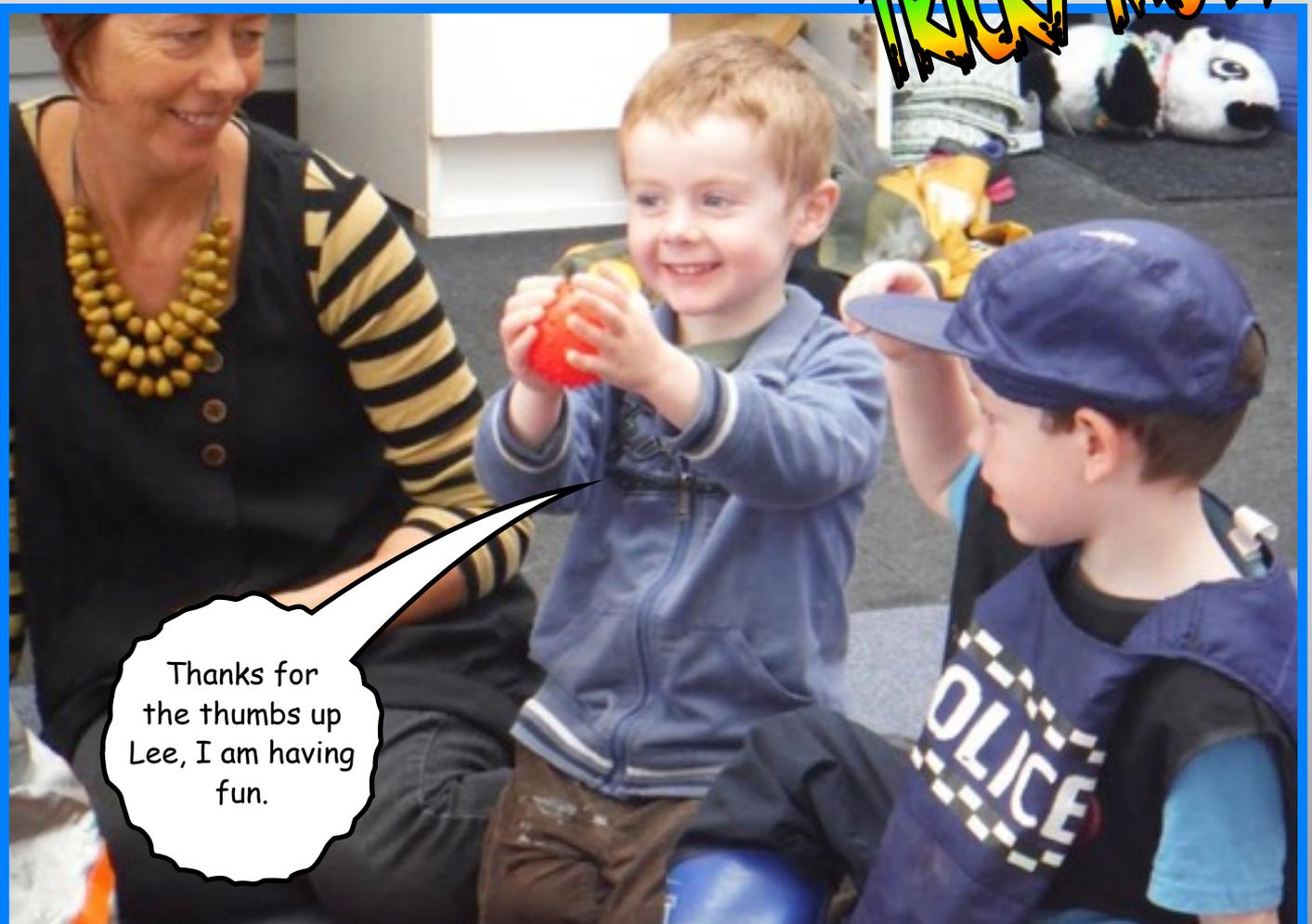
That sparked him for the morning and then he was keen to try colour blending and have his own colour palette to work from.

Lachlan was enjoying all the colours of the rainbow.





TRICKY MOVES



Thanks for the thumbs up Lee, I am having fun.

Lachlan was not very keen on taking part in Lee's session today, but together we worked it out. Lee had us balancing on domes, jumping forward and backwards and controlling the prickly balls with our fingers.

LACHLAN HAD A BALL!



Lachlan is a mover and a groover, he has wonderful rhythm and his own little repertoire of dance moves.

He loves to dance everyday with his own little stereo and his own Cd's.

He loves others to join in too, the teachers enjoy a good boogie.

What learning is happening for Lachlan? E aha te mātauranga i te ako o Lachlan?

This term posed some different challenges for Lachlan, settling into a much longer morning session with many new children and a more challenging programme. Lachlan is showing a new readiness to get involved in new and different experiences, he likes to watch his peers first, which is a great skill that helps him understand what is happening and to also understand how things work, like small group and tidy up time. He works at his own pace, steady and slow is often his motto and he likes to finish what he starts. Lachlan sets himself a goal and he perseveres with it until he has satisfied himself it is done.

Our early childhood curriculum, Te Whāriki talks about "Exploration, Mana Aotūroa" and how children set and choose difficult tasks and persist with them until they have mastered them. Lachlan is building up a very useful set of learning skills to support his play and his thinking throughout the day.

We talk about children being ready/kia tangata, willing/kia kaha and able/ kia matou, and Lachlan is developing all these three dimensions over a wider range of play areas. His self-belief in his own capabilities is developing alongside his growing determination and resilience to give new things a go, especially when he has the support of the group and the kaiako.

You are a very resourceful learner Lachlan, and I think the wide range of experiences you have engaged in this term have clearly shown this. Your inquisitiveness, your playfulness and your imagination are the key learning drivers for you, they are drawing you into diverse areas of experiences.

Thank you for your feedback Lisa and Frank we enjoy Lachlan's groove everyday, and we can't wait to see where his interests take him next.

Opportunities and Possibilities - Ngā hua pea-ngā taumata.

It is exciting to see Lachlan engaging in the arts in the morning session, we will continue to encourage this new interest through a wide range of mediums and art resources to widen his experiences.

Lachlan is very proud of his paintings and he is enjoying the feedback he receives from his mum and the teachers.

The teachers will continue to encourage his new interest in the arts and set up the environment so that he can access the paint, colours and tools he needs to explore this further.

