

## Learning is always Fun

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Our whole ethos at Loddon is to make life enjoyable, easier to cope with, and filled with lots of new opportunities. This year our aim to extend our community opportunities has been a little more difficult but we make sure that the children get out and about in the community and surrounding countryside as many times as we can every week. Weekends have seen plenty of fun and learning as the children have explored the themes of Autumn, Harvest, Camping, Construction, the Vikings and the Zoo. Every weekend there are plenty of country walks both local and/or a bus drive away. We are staying fit and healthy and spirits are generally good. Our new catering team are producing some wonderful new meals especially as we harvest our vegetables from our polytunnel. We have been well supplied with tomatoes, peppers, melons and lettuce. What a treat to eat what we have grown.



‘Loddon is the standard by which all special schools should be judged’. (Ofsted 2018)



## Mission to the Moon

As a school we joined in with the National Science week and the 'Mission to the Moon' project. A wealth of activities were enjoyed drawing in art with Model making, drama with another Green Screen production and plenty of science experiments, including launching rockets by blowing through a straw, to being powered by a balloon. Dressing up as an astronaut was simply the best!



Our Green Screen Productions this term are forming our end of term Concert. As we will be unable to stage a full live show we are creating a film instead showing the host of fun things we have achieved this year.

## Life Books



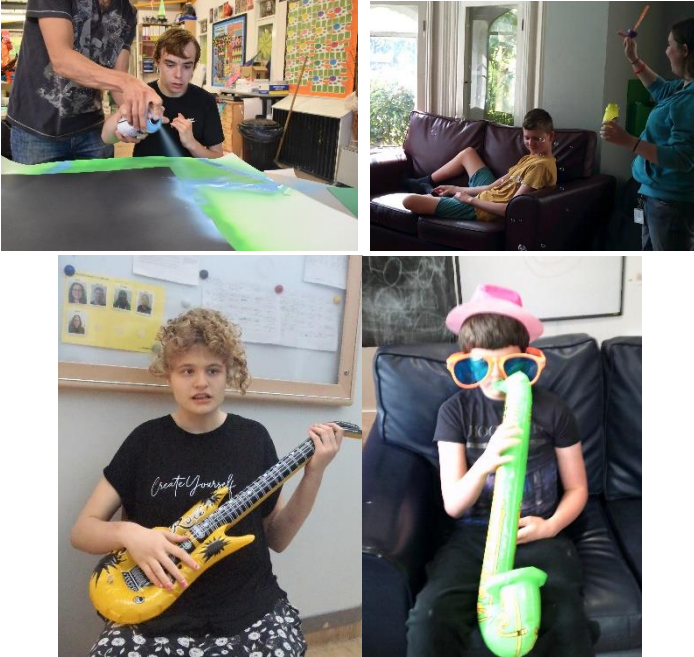
Each week the children review the things they have done and assemble a scrapbook of their memories of life at Loddon. This session is a great chance to reinforce the literacy and numeracy skills we are focusing on. 2D Shapes are this term's focus drawn from our Early Mathematics scheme.



## Work Experience

Although our students are unlikely to enter the world of paid employment we do aim that they will have plenty of skills to offer in voluntary community service. Currently they are involved in producing the juice for our daily juice bar and community litter picking.

## Art and Drama



Our theme this term is Recent History – looking at the 1980's. In art sessions the children have been exploring Graffiti art with spray paints and plenty of vibrant colours. In Drama sessions the student have been enjoying the music of the 80's together with some of the fashions.

## Outdoor learning

Forest schools and horticulture sessions prove to be very popular with all our students whatever the weather.



## Construction sessions

As our two new buildings continue to progress well we have a number of sessions throughout the term which introduce the ideas of building new structures. Whether it is using Lego or connection rods we are able to re-enforce the changes that are happening on our site and look forward to Spring when we hope we will be able to move Falcons and Eagles houses into the two new bungalows.

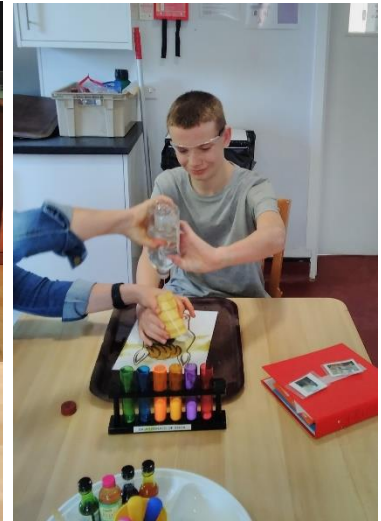


Story telling sessions this term are focusing on some wonderful books by Herve Tullet

Numeracy – problem solving using the 1980's Rubik's cube.



## Discovery Club



Numeracy – solving sums using sensory objects.



Our discovery club science sessions involve a lot of concentration, use of bilateral skills, observational skills and sequencing of events. The sessions are popular as the children love to watch the changes that happen as they watch different substances reacting with one another.



Matching patterns, shapes and colours in a numeracy session.



“Staff have very high expectations of pupils. They will look for all relevant opportunities to foster pupils' independence.”



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