



3-6 Newsletter



GETTING FRUITY

“Goûter this morning consists of dried bananas, grapes, and raspberries!”

Welcome back after the long summer, we hope you all had a wonderful time making precious memories.

Since the beginning of September, we’ve been back in the 3-6 ambiance sharing our summer stories and getting to know our new arrivals. The sunshine has remained with us, giving us plenty of shared moments of joy and laughter outside, whether it’s been at the lunch table, playing in the park, or doing sports in the forest.

Inspired by the abundance of fresh produce this time of year, we took our inspiration for learning this term from the many mouth-watering varieties of fruits that we can find available to us. From sweet fruits to savory fruits, we’ve looked closely at the different parts of the apple to the life cycle of a pumpkin (yes, it is in fact a fruit!).

The children were able to get interactive with their learning as they played group games to learn fruit names and had tastings of citrus fruits, cocoa beans, and fresh coconut. Even when we had our unplanned visit to Park Exflora, our theme followed us as we walked through the Orangerie and took a moment to closely observe these evergreen citrus trees, and then later dissected an olive under a real olive tree.

The seed is planted long before we taste the fruit



Language

September saw the children getting straight back to work, building their language skills in many different ways. The younger ones have been busy learning their beginning sounds - "mmmmm like mmango," "a like apple," others have been using these sounds to spell using the mobile alphabet, and the older ones have been practicing their handwriting by writing all about their favourite fruits. In class groups, we've also been coming together at the end of the morning to share our newfound knowledge.



Art

During this period, fruit-inspired art has been the focus of one of our Friday afternoon group sessions. The children have recreated famous artwork such as *Fruit Basket* by **Giuseppe Arcimboldo**, taken classes in still life drawing using a bowl of fresh and local fruits, made watercolour paintings using natural paints derived from blueberries and cranberries, used collage art techniques to create their own fruit vocabulary cards and also filled our cardboard apple tree full with red and green woolen apples.



The day without water



One afternoon this October, we received a message that on Thursday the 12th the water at school was to be cut between the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quickly, we had to put together a solution to ensure that the children had access to fresh, clean water and functioning toilet facilities during this time. This concerning message turned into a wonderful day of "outdoor classroom" in Park Exflora!

We set off on foot around 9 a.m. just as the water had stopped and walked together down to the park. There, the children spent the morning dissecting, discovering, and tasting two delicious varieties of apple, practicing their language skills of sound and letter association with "branch," "leaf," and "olive." They even had time to rehearse their new class song, and that was all before lunch!

The afternoon was enjoyed with free play, then small groups playing board games before heading back to school just in time to go home.



Emotions

From a very young age, children will experience different emotions, sometimes abrupt and uncontrollable and sometimes pleasant and comfortable. What's going on? What am I feeling? What's this emotion? What's its name? In a small group, with the help of real stories, we accompanied the children to identify their emotions and explored avenues to meet their needs.



New friends

We were delighted to welcome the latest additions to our group this September and everyone has settled in wonderfully. New friendships and bonds have formed which has added a whole new dynamic to our environment. All the children back from last year have been enjoying helping the new arrivals settle in and to feel welcome and at home here with us.

Family day out at Peira Cava

Bringing both classes together this period was our family trip out to Peira Cava to try our skills on the Accrobranche courses. When we first had to postpone due to the bad weather, we were delighted that so many of you were able to make it the following week.

After our picnic in the picturesque alpine setting, both adults and children had a fantastic time improving their balance and agility skills by swinging through the trees, zipping along the zip wires, and overcoming different obstacles to move from

platform to platform. It was a day out well worth the journey along the winding roads up into the mountains and what an amazing view that gave us for the journey home!

We look forward to planning another family day out in the make some more great memories together.



Singing and dancing

Music was in the air as always in our ambience, only this time with a more fruity vibe. The children had been practicing their musical numbers for our pre-holidays goûter, which sadly they never got to perform due to the storm.

If they would like to continue to enjoy the music at home, here are links to the songs we used -

Fruit Salad Salasa dance:
<https://spotify.link/4gi02Ps82Db>

Apples and Bananas song:
<https://spotify.link/DTvf4Fn82Db>

I like to eat, eat, eat, apples and bananas (x 2)
 I like to juice, juice, juice, oranges and lemons (x2)
 I like to chop, chop, chop, mangos and pineapples (x2)



From all of us in the 3-6 team
 we'd like to wish you a warm and wonderful
 Autumn break

