



Insect Investigators

Wednesday June 1st 3:00pm

Dear Aspace Parents,

Today for our investigation into the world of insects and mini beasts, we turned our attentions to a remarkably small but strong (and social) insect; the ant.

We began our lesson with a series of facts about these incredible creatures. At this stage, the children had to guess what insect these facts were referring to. Facts included:

- It is one of the world's strongest creatures relative to its size.
- They are social creatures that live in colonies.
- They don't have ears. Some don't have eyes and they "listen" by feeling vibrations.

We experimented with our own 'listening' skills and saw if we could identify the number of times the table vibrated while our eyes were closed. This was a lot of fun and the students enjoyed taking turns counting all the vibrations.

Next, we moved onto learning more about the Ant Colony and the many areas within. Before crafting, we discussed what we thought each area was used for and where each area belonged, such as: Dining room, winter room, aphid storage, eggs, trash room, The Queen, Eggs, Larvae, Seed storage, and Seed husking room.

The insect investigators did a great job at creating their ant colonies and labelling each area correctly. Our final colonies included the entrances on the grassy surfaces all the way down to the winter room, snuggled deep underground.

Well done everyone.

Teacher Sam











Time to add all the ants, the food, and all the eggs.

