



## Just deserts?

One of the children in class 3 brought in a piece of rock from the Arizona desert. The following are extracts from the discussion that ensued where we asked "What's a desert?"

It's a place where you could walk for a long time and not see anyone . . . deserts don't have houses or shops on them but there are trees . . . you can get ice deserts - flat ice spaces on the north and south poles . . . it's land with extreme temperatures . . . it's a big piece of land made from one predominant thing . . . deserts might be on the Equator . . . maybe deserts are on the parts of the world that are closer to the sun . . . maybe deserts are made by rain falling on rock . . . maybe deserts are where there used to be sea and the sun made it disappear . . . maybe different parts of the world get a turn to be hot and that's when deserts are made . . . deserts just evolve . . . maybe they're made when people leave the land . . . factories and pollution might cause deserts . . . the world losing resources and not managing to control what it's doing might cause deserts . . . you couldn't make a desert over night . . . it takes millions of years

## Feat of clay

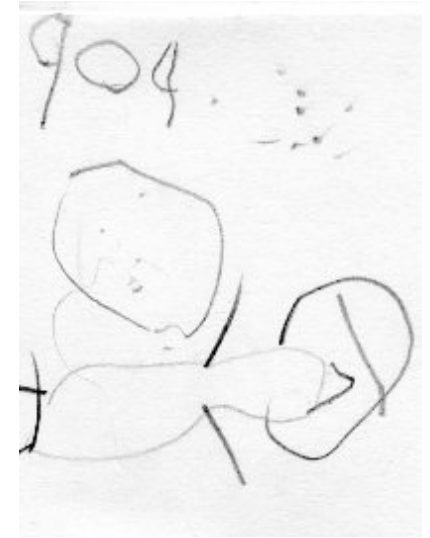
Room 4 is now pretty much up and running. Colin Tingle (who has lent us all the pottery gear) has been in and given teachers and parents a workshop in some of the basic skills we'll be passing on to the children. If you would like to come on board with the clay projects or any other messy stuff please let Lizzie know so that you can be notified of any future workshops.

## Help!!

Any amount of help (little or lots) to make and run food stalls for the Winter fair!.

Winter fair meetings are on Wednesdays at 9.15 am in the Quiet Room on 19th Nov., 26th Nov. and 3rd Dec.

Help also needed to decorate the hall on Friday 5th Dec.



*Alfie (class 1)*

## Thought for food

Whilst most of the children enjoy a hearty lunch every day, we are aware that some find it harder to 'eat up' before they head in to the afternoon. The lunch hall is always well supervised and we make it our business to persuade children to eat as much as they can.

If, however, you feel that your child is tending to come home a little hungrier than you'd wish, please come and see your class teacher so that we can talk through how best to address whatever might be going on. Our partnership on this, as with most things, will really make a difference.

*Thoughts on a trip to Greece in a letter to Jessie*

*I imagine that the sand is white  
white, and the sea a bold turquoise.  
With pure white white froth.*

*Martha Crivello (class 2)*