Exploring Different Occupations Through Play and Discovery

The children at Hambledon Nursery enjoy learning about different occupations, imagining what they may grow up to become one day. Engaging in an exciting journey into the world of work as they explore a variety of different jobs and learn about the important roles people play in our communities and beyond.

Through visits from parents, stories, discussions, photographs and imaginative play, the children discovered what it might be like to work as a veterinarian, caring for animals and helping them stay healthy. They were fascinated to learn how vets examine pets, treat injuries and provide advice to animal owners.

Our young learners also explored the role of a marine conservationist, finding out how these scientists help protect oceans, marine life and coastal environments. The children enjoyed learning about sea creatures and discussing ways we can all help to care for our planet.

The children were equally inspired by learning about dance teachers, who help people express themselves through movement, creativity and performance. They enthusiastically joined in with dance activities, practising different movements and developing their confidence and coordination.

We also introduced the children to the work of university researchers through one parent speaking to the children about their role. They learned that researchers ask questions, carry out investigations and make discoveries that help us understand the world around us. The children embraced their inner scientists, showing great curiosity as they explored, questioned and gathered data on each other, like who had different coloured hair and eyes.

To bring our learning to life further, the children had the opportunity to become chefs for the day. Wearing their very own role-play chef hats, they stepped into the exciting world of Hambledon Nursery's pizzeria. The children carefully measured ingredients and worked together to make pizza dough completely from scratch, developing important mathematical, communication and fine motor skills along the way.

Once the dough was ready, each child created their own individual pizza, choosing and arranging toppings with great care and creativity. They were incredibly proud of their culinary creations and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of preparing food just like real pizza chefs.

To complete the experience, the children packaged their pizzas in their own delivery boxes to take home, ready to share with their families. This hands-on activity provided a wonderful opportunity to develop independence, imagination and confidence while learning about the different roles involved in running a restaurant and delivering food to customers.

The 'Occupations' week at the nursery was filled with curiosity, creativity and excitement as the children explored a range of occupations through meaningful, play-based experiences. We look forward to continuing our learning adventures and discovering even more about the many jobs that help make our world such an interesting place.