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# CALENDAR 2016



























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Children at Redbricks Junior (2 year to 5.5 year olds) conducted 5-week research projects on Boxes, Bottles, **Pipes and Fabrics** in September 2015. The projects were conducted through a pedagogical approach called "The Project Approach" in three phases. In the first phase, children wondered about their chosen material, shared prior knowledge and experiences, and raised guestions for further investigation.

In the second phase, children conducted investigations inside and outside school, to find out about the origins, properties and uses of their material. They visited museums, factories and shops; had first hand explorations with the materials; interacted with experts; read books and saw videos; engaged in class discussions; collected different types of their material; etc., to develop their understanding.

During second phase and third phase, children decided to create various products from their chosen material. Teachers facilitated this process of creation by leading children through a design thinking cycle – visualizing their product, prototyping through drawings and smaller models, creating the final model and organizing for sharing with the community in an exhibition. The projects ended in a three-day community exhibition at Kanoria Art Gallery, Ahmedabad.

This calendar is a collection of the images of 3D models created by children through the projects, which showcases their imagination and design thinking skills.

Note to the reader - The understanding and skills gained by children through the "process" of research and making these "products" is immense, and is much beyond what can be justified through the limited space in this calendar.

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# **Boxes: A Train by Playgroup**







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#### **Bottles: A Doll by Nursery**



Nursery children of one class decided to make a Doll from bottles. They visualized the structure of the doll through drawings and clay models. After that they painted various bottles, used bottle caps, and created the entire structure of the doll. They decided on giving it various features such as hair, eyes, nose, frock, etc., using different materials. In the







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end emerged a beautiful doll from their collective imaginations.

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# **Bottles: A Robot by Nursery**



After seeing videos of bottle products, one class of Nursery decided to make a Robot out of plastic bottles. They represented their ideas through clay models and talked about how their robot would look like. A child said - "Hum colouring Robot banayege, square stomach, aur dhakkan se eyes banayege." (We will make a colourful robot, with a square stomach and eyes with bottle lids). They painted plastic bottle







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cut and pasted paper, used boxes to create the body, bottle caps to create the eyes, and assembled all the parts to create a life size Robot from their imaginations.

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# **Bottles: A Bus by Nursery**

One group of Nursery class created a Redbricks School bus using yellow painted plastic bottles. The bottles were mounted on a thermocol structure and strung together using wire by







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children. They stuck the bottles to the structure using a glue gun with teacher's assistance. Finally, children created wheels, windows, doors, number plate of the bus to make it real-life.

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#### **Bottles: A Hut by Nursery**



All Nursery children made a common model of a bottle hut using lots of plastic bottles. The teachers and children jointly decided on the look of the hut- number of walls, its size, type of roof, etc. Children decorated bottles in different ways for their walls- paper pasting, printing, painting, filling with pebbles, etc. Teachers helped them by creating a big bamboo frame on which children hung the bottle strings with teachers' assistance. The roof was made by laying hay on a huge cardboard sheet.







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# Pipes: A Swing by Junior Kg



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Junior kg children had visited a garden to see different play equipment in cylinder shapes and that inspired them to make swings out of pipes. Children selected UPVC pipes after multiple swings out of pipes. Children selected UPVC pipes after multiple interactions with the plumber. These were selected as they could be easily fit together using different pipe joiners. For the swing structure, children created blueprint drawings and smaller clay models, based on which the plumber cut pipes in different sizes. Children decorated the pipes with palm printing and spray printing. To make the seat of the swing, a blue colored tire was created and hung using bendable rubber pipes.









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#### Pipes: A Table and Chair by Junior Kg

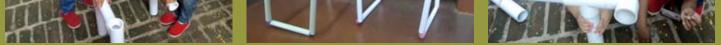


After seeing a video of pipe products, one of the Junior Kg classes decided to make a table and chairs. They measured the length of the chair they have in the class to use that as reference. They created blueprints and mini prototype models out of straws, visualizing their actual models. They created the actual structure using UPVC pipes, cut and joined together with elbow pipes, with teachers' and plumber's assistance. To create a base for the chairs and the table they used thick strings and wrapped them around the structure.









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#### Pipes: A Christmas Tree By Junior Kg



One of the Junior Kg class children decided to make a pipe wall collage in the shape of a Christmas tree. Having explored pipes of different sizes and dimensions in their project, children started assembling them together. A smaller prototype was first made to see how it would look. For the final collage, children used a thermocol sheet as the base, coloured the pipes green and mounted them on to the base. They also







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placed their favorite toys in the hollow spaces of the pipes. They finally decorated the Christmas tree with the various art products they had made from cylindrical materials.

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# Pipes: A Water Fountain By Junior Kg

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Having seen a water fountain at Science City Energy Park, Junior Kg children decided to make a fountain from pipes. They designed their own fountain and finalized its materials and designed their own fountain and finalized its materials and mechanism with the plumber. They faced many challenges in the creation process that had to be solved. The final fountain emerged with SS Aluminum and rubber pipes fitted with rotating wheels. The motor mechanism recycled the water continuously in the fountain. The fountain was placed inside a children's pool, along with a dancing doll, a lotus, and a swan created by children.







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#### Fabrics: A Book Shelf by Senior kg



One of the Senior Kg classes decided to make a book shelf out of fabrics. The book self was designed in a way that every child in the class had his/her own pocket to create. They individually designed their pocket first on the paper and when satisfied, on the actual piece of cloth. They learnt and used various fabric







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design techniques such as tie and dye, patch pasting, painting, embroidery, etc. Each child created his/her own pocket and these were sewed together on a big fabric base alongwith the teachers' help.

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## Fabrics: A Quilt by Senior kg

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#### One of the Senior Kg classes decided to make a Quilt out of fabrics. Children first made a prototype of the quilt cover incorporating everyone's design and how they will place them. Once their arrangement was done, the children with the help of the teachers, created their part of the quilt cover and







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designed the fabric using different techniques like embroidery, patch work, tie and dye, painting, warli painting, etc. The quilt was then filled with cotton and sewed by the teachers.



November

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### Fabrics: A Curtain by Senior kg

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This group of senior kindergarten children wanted to have thorough experience of using various fabric design techniques. The teachers and the children decided on making a curtain showcasing various designing techniques learnt in the project. Children worked on different techniques with teacher's assistance using tie and dye, warli, madhubani, embroidery, patch work, printing with indigenous materials, etc., to create various pieces/panels of the curtain. Then, the teachers sewed the designed fabric pieces together into one big panel to create a common beautiful curtain.



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#### Fabrics: A Puppet Theatre by Senior kg



Across all the Senior Kg classes, children made different even named their puppets cinderalla, mother, etc. Their interest in making puppets led them to take a step higher and the puppet theater came in existence. The children decorated a big refrigerator box keeping the themes of the stories they had created in mind. The decoration items were also made out of







fabrics like fabric cut-outs of trees, flowers, curtains etc. The puppet theatre was made so that children could use it to tell stories to the visitors at the culminating exhibition.

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