The ARTS CAFE

October was here and gone in a flash. We have been busy learning about mixing primary and secondary colours as well as learning about the “Three Little Pigs”. We focused on retelling this story along with learning the beginning, middle and end of the story. Once we understood the sequence of the story we enjoyed acting the story out. We focused on changing our voices and how the pigs were feeling throughout the story. The students especially loved acting out the big bad wolf (which was a paper bag wolf hiding a blow dryer). We had some wonderful performances!

We also have been spending a lot of time listening for high and low sounds using a variety of sounds, instruments and interactive games on the SMART Board .

Beat was a new concept that was introduced and we will continue to learn about beat and later about rhythm. We used our big drum to introduce a beat while using familiar nursery rhymes. Children were encouraged to tap out the beat of many songs using their SBS or tapping on their leg.

We spent a couple days listening to a variety of different genres of music and discussing how the music makes you feel. For example some of the classical pieces made the students feel sad whereas the pop music made the students feel happy.

On Halloween, we explored various short stories and flannel stories that the students loved participating in. One of the favourites was ‘who’s behind that pumpkin face?”. I would hold a paper pumpkin over their face and sing who’s behind that pumpkin face and at the end of the song the students would say “Me” or “Boo”, using their voice, talker or SBS. We also painting and decorated some pretty nice pumpkins!

We are looking forward to another busy and successful November.