

A close-up photograph of a brick wall with a mix of red and tan bricks. A white rectangular box with a black border is centered on the wall, containing the text "Builder Day in F2" in a black, cursive-style font.

*Builder Day  
in F2*

When the children came into school, we talked about why we were dressed as builders.

Amelia : It's Builder Day.

She was right! But what did we already know about builders? We found out...

Finley : I know that builders build.

Eric : I know that builders build a house.

Grayson : I know that builders can build walls.

Isabella : I know that builders have cars with stuff that builds houses. (What sort of 'stuff'?)  
Like hammers and screwdrivers.

Ava : I know that builders have hats on their heads. (Why?)

Payton : So that they don't hurt their heads.

Ava : (To protect them...) From something falling on their heads.

Harrison : I know that builders build concrete.

Millie : I know that builders build fences.

Isaac : I know that builders build houses.

Fletcher : Build houses.

Jorge : I don't know anything. (I bet he learns so much today!)

Amelia : Builders build houses.

Aiden : I know that builders build fences.

Layla : I know that builders build schools.

Lottie : I know that builders build houses.

Aliza : I know that builders build walls.

It was time to learn a bit more about builders...



Everyone had a clipboard and pen and we headed outside to see what we could discover.

We looked at the buildings we could see from our outside area. There were lots of houses joined together and a really tall block of flats.





The children knew that the houses were built of bricks but they did not know what the roofs were made of. We talked about the word 'materials' and how buildings are made of lots of different materials.

What is this called?

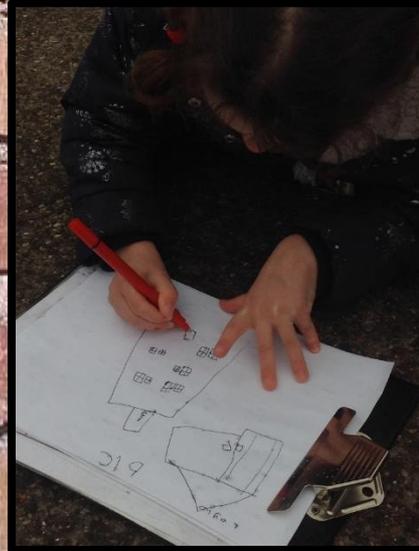
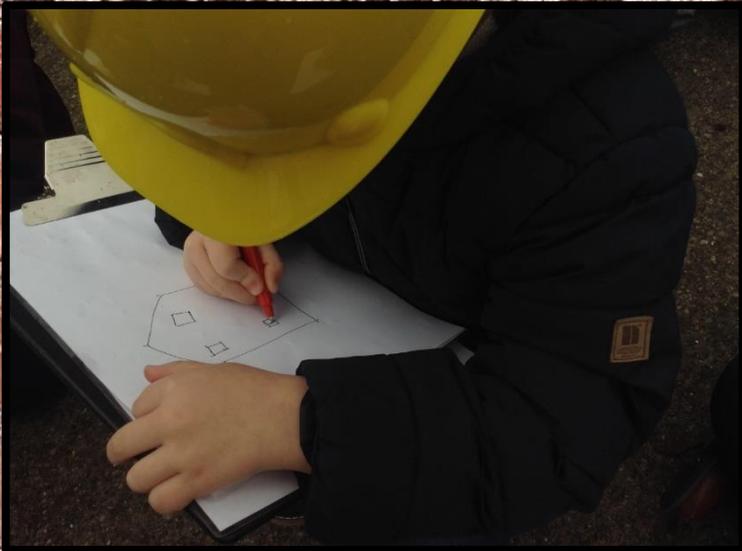
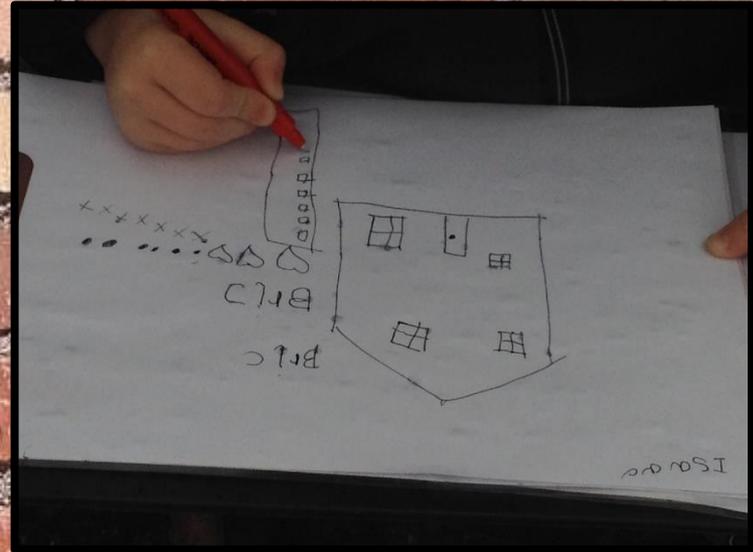
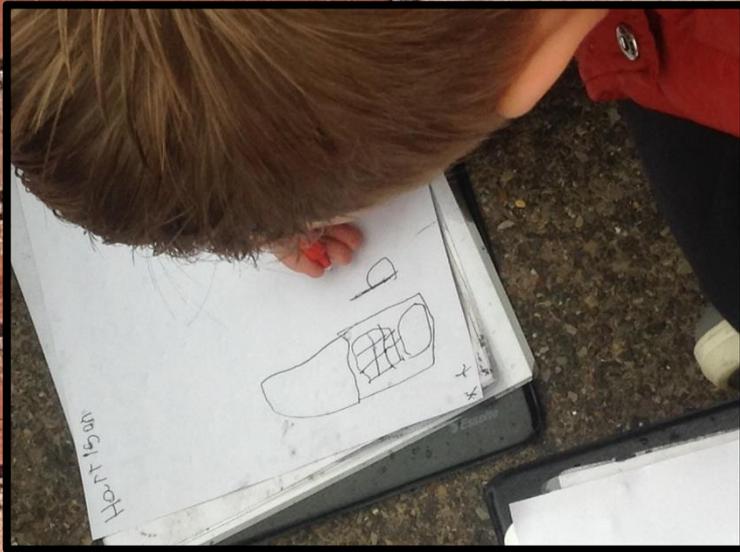
Grayson : It's a hotel.

Eric : A big house.

Isaac : A house that loads of people live in.

We had so much to learn.

The children drew and labelled what we could see.



We talked about the materials that our school was made of. We spotted bricks and glass. Isaac could even tell us it was built of metal too.

When we got back inside we thought about knew facts that we had learnt about builders...

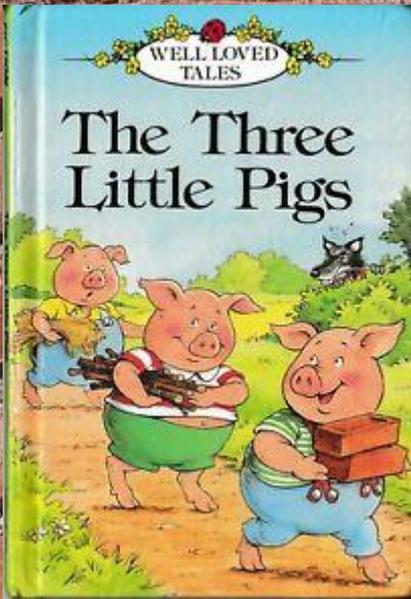
Jorge : Builders build walls of bricks.

Aiden : Builders use concrete.

Harrison : They stick bricks together with cement.

Finley : Builders use metal sometimes.

Grayson : Materials is glass and stuff. Roofs are tiles.



After our discussion about builders and the materials they use, we introduced our new story...

### The Three Little Pigs.

Most of our children had been read it before so we had another chat about what they built their houses of.

Jorge thought they might have built a house of string, Payton and Aliza thought bricks. Then Layla told us that, "the first one builds it out of hay", and Grayson said, "the second is out of wood". We decided to get reading and find out!



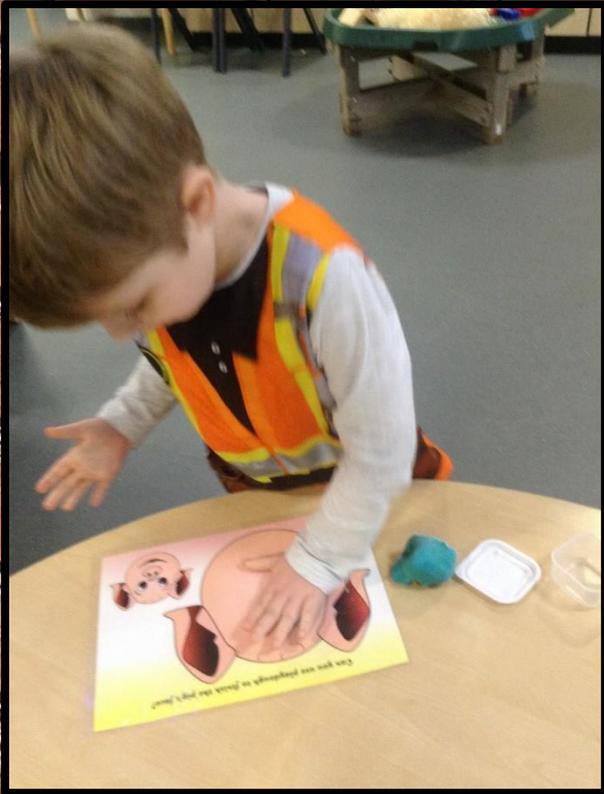
The children then enjoyed exploring all the various activities throughout our fabulous classroom. They could build houses out of straw, sticks or bricks. Millie make a great brick house! They could draw huge pictures of buildings...



...or retell the story of The Three Little Pigs using some of our pig puppets to help them. They could use miniature building equipment in the Small World area...

...or create a house out of straw, sticks or bricks in the Creative Area. Grayson made a brilliant one using crepe paper bricks, which he carefully cut and glued onto his template.





The children could develop the strength in their hands manipulating the playdough from their special pots to create a face for the characters from the story. Well done to Isaac, Jorge and Aiden!



We also took turns to build towers using bricks. The challenge was to build a tower as tall as yourself. Everyone did really well and counted the amount of bricks they had used really carefully and tried hard to think about '1 more than' or even '2 more than'! It was fun to make the towers even taller but they did get a bit wobbly then too!







It was a great day, everyone learnt so much. I wonder what we will learn about over the next few weeks about buildings and 'Houses and Homes'.