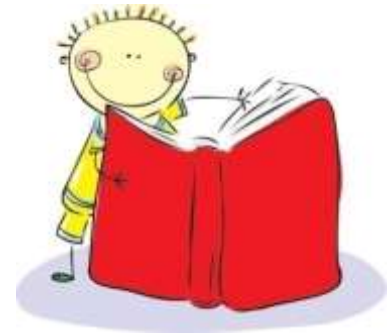




Reception Newsletter

Friday 17th November 2023

In phonics this week we have been learning the following new sounds: z (zebra), qu (quick it's the queen) and ch (chew the cherries children). The children have completed oral blending activities focusing on these sounds and have practised forming the letters in these sounds on their whiteboards. The children have also been reading sentences and we have been focusing on capital letters, their names and the sounds that they make. The Tricky Words we have focused on this week are: go, no, to and into. I have provided these for you to practise reading fluently at home.



In our maths sessions this week the children have been revising numbers 1-5 in particular. The children were introduced to Numberblock number 5 and loved the video clip and enjoyed high fives with their friends! We also challenged the children to see if they recognise numerals in a random order and show us the same amount on their fingers.

Mrs Pattanshetti visited the class on Monday afternoon to teach the children all about the festival of Diwali (which Hindus celebrate). Mrs Pattanshetti read the story of Rama and Sita and the children joined in and acted out parts of the story. They enjoyed looking at the collection of Diwali lamps which Mrs Pattanshetti brought in. There are some photos of our lovely afternoon celebrating different cultures below!

The children have engaged in various art activities this week and have been working together to get our Christmas display ready. We have made lovely angels! The angels look lovely on display in the classroom and the corridor.

We have continued our Jigsaw puzzle piece about 'Celebrating Differences' this week which has tied in nicely with Anti-Bullying week. The theme this year is 'Make a Noise.' In our PSHE lessons we have been discussing how we are all unique and how we may have similarities, but we are all different in different ways and that is something to be celebrated!

I have sent a leaf home with the children in their contact books in order to continue our PSHE theme this weekend because I would like them to decorate their leaf with drawings, photos or writing about their achievements at home and things they are good at. This could be anything from riding a bike without stabilisers, to doing well with a hobby, creating something at home etc. Absolutely anything which the children are proud of and that they think is a great achievement for them! We are then going to display the leaves on our Celebration Tree in the classroom so



everyone can share their achievements with one another. Please could the leaves be completed and returned to school by **Friday 24th November?** Many thanks.

The children have been working extremely hard in preparation for our Nativity this year! They are enjoying the singing and absolutely loved getting on stage this week! They cannot wait to show you their shepherd song! Reception are singing '10 Happy Shepherds' in the Nativity.

The children loved their Woodland Learning session, even if it was very wet! We played 'Hide and Seek' which the children loved and we have some very good hiders! We also read 'The Leaf Thief', a lovely story about Autumn. The children made leaf crowns and enjoyed all the other Woodland Learning activities such as climbing, the mud kitchen and digging! Some of the children complained they were cold, please ensure they have plenty of layers to stay warm or a thick coat under their waterproofs for next time, especially as the weather gets colder. Many thanks.

Thank you for all your donations for Children in Need! The children looked amazing and they certainly had fun completing their 'Bearpees'!

I look forward to meeting with you all at parent's consultations next week. I hope you have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Miss Dale



Diwali





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