



## Our Lady's Bishop Eton Primary School



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### Reception Weekly Newsletter

Term: Autumn Term 2    Week: 1    Week ending: 05.11.2021

#### Religious Education

##### **Belonging – Baptism – Welcome**

A huge welcome back for our second half term. The children have enjoyed being back at school and have been sharing all of their wonderful half term news. It sounds like you all had good fun.

This week we visited Church on Tuesday and Father Tim very kindly Baptised our class baby doll; Joseph John. He talked us through the sacrament of Baptism and the children enjoyed taking on the roles of the congregation and the parents and godparents. Next week we will finish our topic with a Collective Worship.

#### Literacy

This week in Literacy we talked about our half term holiday news and recounted it to our friends. We read the book 'Pumpkin Soup' by Helen Cooper. We discussed the characters and the setting and sequenced the story, talking about the meaning of lots of new vocabulary. We also read some other stories by the same author – A Pipkin of pepper and Delicious. On Monday for Halloween we read Christopher Pumpkin and Funny bones.

#### Maths

In maths this week we have been learning about pattern. Particularly repeated 'AB' (patterns of two) such as shape e.g. circle, triangle, circle, triangle or colour; e.g. blue, green, blue, green.

The children recognised different types of patterns such as sound patterns with instruments and had to make their own pattern with cubes. The children really enjoyed finding other patterns in the classroom and outdoors and making their own leaf patterns. and Next week we will move on to counting, particularly 1-5.

#### Phonics

This week's phonemes were  
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The children are doing so well at recognising all of the phonemes we have learnt so far.

We have begun to use phoneme frames to practise writing words. We say a word, sound talk it to identify which phoneme is 1<sup>st</sup>, next and last then write them in the frame. Have a go at home with the words

**jam, peg, dig, rock, mud**

#### Understanding the World

As tomorrow is Bonfire Night, today we celebrated with a fire-pit session outside with yummy hot chocolate and marshmallows to keep us warm and a lovely chocolate biscuit.

We learnt about the history of Bonfire night and Guy Fawkes as a historical figure from the past and also linked this to our Literacy by using wonderful describing words to talk about the sounds and smells of Bonfire night and also to our PSED; discussing how to stay safe.

It was so much fun! Please see Twitter for updates.

#### Home Learning

Practising reading the tricky words and grapheme flashcards are ongoing.

Letter Formation – s a t p. Let the children go over each letter and say the formation rhyme to help. For more practise you can go over these with multiple colours.

Scarf patterns – Can you complete each pattern on the scarves using the model provided. Can you come up with some more AB colour patterns of your own?

#### Expressive Arts & Design

After reading 'Pumpkin soup', our focussed task this week was to complete an observational drawing. The children looked carefully at the size, shape and texture of the different coloured pumpkins and drew what they could see using chalk pastels. They used different colours and then their fingers to blend the colours together and smooth the lines.

Towards the end of the week, they have been making firework pictures using brightly coloured paint and different materials such as kitchen roll tubes and teabags to dab and splat.

#### Other Information

Our reading has got off to a great start, the children are really enjoying our guided reading sessions and are getting used to remembering to check the work tables each day to see who is reading and to get their books out ready. However, we do need your co-operation with this. Please ensure that books are in book bags every day in order for your child to be able to read. We currently still have some books outstanding from the half term holiday and even from the week we broke up.

If you have any reading books at home, please can you return them on Monday.

Thank you for your support