



Reception Weekly Newsletter

Term: Autumn Term 2 Week: 2 Week ending: 11.11.2022

Religious Education

Belonging – Baptism – Welcome

This week we remembered all that we have learnt about Baptism with a Collective Worship. We recalled Father Tim pouring the water on the baby's forehead and making the sign of the cross and saying 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We also suggested that when we hear this prayer we will remember that we were welcomed into the Church and God's family.

Communication and Language

This week we learnt all about Remembrance Day. We found out all about why we wear poppies by reading the book 'A Day to Remember'. We also read 'Where The Poppies Now Grow' and explored the fantastic vocabulary within. In addition, we read 'Leaf Man' by Lois Ehlert and used the images from this to make leaf pictures outside (see below). If you want to read leaf man together at home, here is the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvAK2hxNFrY>

Maths

This week we concentrated on counting and emphasising that to count correctly, you have to say one number name for each object. We practised counting by lining up objects to make 5 and touching each object. We also practised counting things that we can't touch such as pennies into a tin and claps. In our workbooks we practised number formation and matching numerals to the same amount of counters on a 5 frame.

Phonics

This week's phonemes were **h, b, f, l** and our new tricky words were 'go', 'no' and 'l'. We have been encouraging the children to find these in their reading books. The children have been practising their letter formation this week using the whiteboards and trying hard to write cvc words in their phoneme frames.

Understanding the World

We continued to learn about the season of autumn and the changes that we see at this time in the environment around us. We compared these to the other seasons and discussed what the children notice in nature at those particular times of the year. In our curiosity cube we had some poppies and a 'Widows penny' and we found out some more about these in our Literacy. We learnt that World War 1 was a long time ago in the past and linked this to our learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot. The children enjoyed looking at a timeline and adding some photographs of things that have happened before and after they were born.

Home Learning

This week we would like your child to practise their number formation. Like with the letter practice, you can go over each number multiple times with different coloured felt tips or pencils. There is also a counting activity to complete. Children have to read the numeral and then colour in that amount of autumn objects beside the number. Please stick the homework sheets into your child's book if you can.

Expressive Arts & Design

The children loved making poppies this week from both collage materials and in clay. They also drew and printed poppies this week on a large mural. They also used crayons to take rubbings from the 'Widow's penny.' The children then showed fantastic creativity as they created their own leaf character or object using the natural materials brought in from the half-term homework task; so thank you very much for collecting and sending the autumnal objects in!

Remembrance Day

This week we learnt about Remembrance day. After our anti-bullying performance this morning, the children came back to class and observed a two-minute silence for Remembrance day. The children listened to 'the last post' and We watched a short animation (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02qvbd9>) about a rabbit in the poppy fields and the discussion that the children came up with was excellent. They really thought about what they could see and hear. We are very proud of how respectful you are children. Well done!

Anti-bullying week

Today we had a performance from Altru creatives entitled 'The Noise Keepers' This was about a little girl who is struggling to tell anyone about the problems she's having at school. This is to get us off to a good start in learning about anti-bullying week and how all of our differences should be celebrated.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 14th – Friday 18th: Anti-bullying week

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Monday 14th – Odd socks day: We will be celebrating what is the beginning of National Anti-Bullying Week by inviting all of the children to wear odd socks for the day. This a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique.

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Friday 18th – Break the rules day for Children in Need: Our School Council would like to raise money for Children in Need on Friday 18th November. With special permission from Mr Metcalf, children are allowed to pay to break the rules for the day! Children can select **up to two rules** that they are allowed to break for one day and one day only! A donation of £1 per rule break can be put into the bucket at the door next Friday morning.

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Wednesday 23rd November – Autumn term Parent/Teacher meetings: Meetings will run from 2-6pm. Bookings for this opened yesterday. Slots will be 7 minutes long per family. If you need to discuss anything in more detail with your child's teacher, please arrange a phone call or to meet with the teacher on another occasion.