



Reception Weekly Newsletter

Term: Autumn Term 2 Week: 2 Week ending: 15.11.2024

Religious Education

Prophecy and Promise

We listened again to the Bible story of *The Annunciation* from Luke 1:26-31, 38 and recalled what we had heard. We reminded ourselves of the important people in the story and what message the Angel Gabriel gave to Mary. We discovered that Mary said 'Yes' to God because she loved him very much and knew that she was chosen because God loved her. We talked about what love looks like with our friends and family, both in our school and classroom and in our homes and wrote drew these on special hearts to display.

Communication & language

Literacy

We continued to explore our story for this 2nd half term 'Star in the Jar'. We learnt a new song, this time not about a boy named Dan but about a boy named Yan. We have been writing super sentences using our sentence checkers and like 'Wise owl' found out all about the important features of the story such as who the characters are and where the story is set, how we can use describing words and repeated words and phrases to make our story better. Next week we will use our story friends to help us plan out the different parts of the story.

Maths

This week we have been looking at the composition of numbers up to 5. We have been looking at each number separately and we want the children to be able to grasp the concept of the 'oneness of one, the twoness of two' etc. We have matched the numerals to the same amount on 5 frames and looked at different ways off making each number which is the beginning of learning our number bonds.

We began our assessments of number and counting. We were looking at counting objects, ordering numerals and matching number to quantity. Next week we will continue with this and begin to look more at subitising which is knowing how many objects are there without counting. This is easier when the amount is 6 or less.

Expressive Arts & Design

The children loved printing and painting poppies this week. They painted on a large mural outside (you might have seen this at pick up time) and printed using apples inside. We have been sorting our autumn treasures and will use these in class next week for some artwork based the work of the artist Andy Goldsworthy.

Phonics

We have completed our assessments now and the children have shown how much they have learnt. The grapheme/phoneme recognition was fantastic. One area we noticed that many children needed some more practice with was blending and segmenting.

Some children are able to 'sound out' instantly but this skill can be quite difficult so in class we really encourage the children to use their 'robot' arms. This really helps them to identify each phoneme, especially when spelling words for writing. Please encourage this at home too. In addition, please encourage your child to practice the correct letter formation when writing letters. Using the mnemonic really helps. For example, for 'a' it is around the apple, up the stalk and down the leaf. These were on the sheet sent home and added to ClassDojo.

Home Learning

Children in Need pencil control - Practice making different shaped lines by not taking your pencil / felt tip off the page.

Reading activity – Read the sentences by using the sound buttons to sound out and add in the missing items.

Maths – Linked to last week's learning – Count and draw how many more counters are needed to make the total number.