

Autumn - Reception

This half term we have been learning all about the topic light and dark, including exploring light sources & shadows, nocturnal and diurnal animals, and celebrations of light such as bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas. We have continued to explore our class value of teamwork and read lots of stories about our feelings and emotions.

English

Our main texts for this term has been 'Owl Babies', 'The Gruffalo's Child' and 'Stick Man' and made our own stick men to retell the story. We have also been continuing to learn sounds through our Read, Write, Inc, scheme and have now been applying these to support us in the reading and writing of words. We have been writing prescriptions and telephone messages in our role play areas. We have also been writing our own Christmas cards to each other and writing present labels.

Maths

In maths we have been thoroughly exploring numbers up to five, including the representation, recognition, formation, and composition of these numbers. We also explored various 2D shapes such as squares, circles, and triangles. We discovered how many corners and sides each of these had and created our own artwork using the shapes. In our wrapping station we have been estimating how much paper is needed for different shaped gifts and cutting it to fit. We have created our own wrapping paper by printing repeating patterns and used natural objects to continue the pattern.

Expressive Art and Design

We created poppy themed artwork (including paintings, drawings, and models) to share in our Remembrance Day assembly with both the chapel community and the rest of school. As Christmas has been approaching, we have printed our own wrapping paper and created different decorations for our tree, as well as making and writing cards, celebratory paper chains, and door hangers to welcome Santa. We have learnt lots of songs this term and been exploring different instruments in our music lessons. We have learnt and performed some Christmas songs for our grown-ups.

PSHE

We have been learning more about our emotions and how to breathe deeply to calm ourselves when we are worried or angry. We have used our Worry Worms to help us as well as hand span and square breathing. We learnt about people who help us and role played being doctors and nurses

RE

In RE we have been exploring different religious festivals. We learnt all about the Hindu festival of Diwali - the Festival of Light. We discovered how Diwali is celebrated and explored the similarities and differences between Diwali and Christmas such as the food that is eaten, the gifts that are shared, and the clothes that are worn.

As a class we shared our own Christmas traditions and how we celebrate Christmas in our house, it seems that lots of the children have cheeky elves visiting! We also decorated the school Christmas tree, acted out the Christmas story and sang lots of Christmas songs. We have acted out the story of the first Christmas in our outdoor stable. We also had a tour of our Chapel led by Reverend Wilfred and the Chapel readers, who showed us different aspects of the church such as the font, communion rail and pulpit.

*What an exciting term we have had!
Well done Reception!
Have a lovely Christmas break!*





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Role play



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Practicing writing

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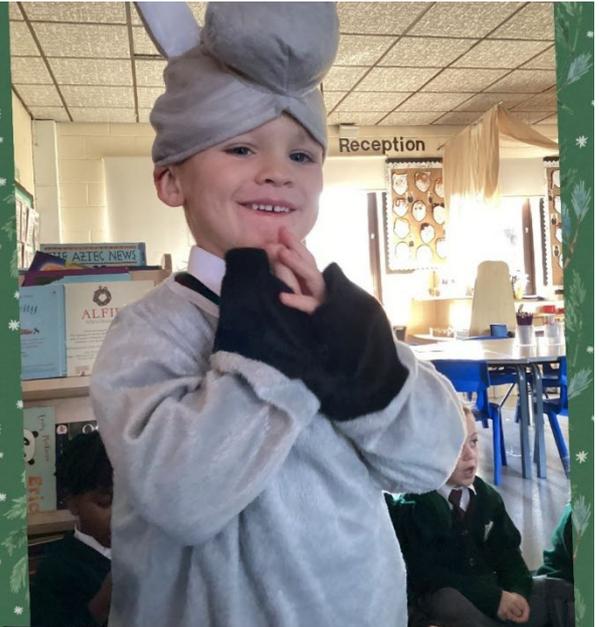


Chapel visit



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Christmas Activities

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