

# 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 text for this term has been 'Owl Babies'. 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 café orders and telephone messages in our role play areas. We have also been writing our own cards to each other and creating our own designs for our drawing club work.

## 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.

## Expressive Art and Design

We created poppy themed artwork for Remembrance Day. We have collaged penguins and have used our Nativity scene and Christmas themed clothes to role play. We also created clay poppies and divas to help our understanding of Remembrance Day and Diwali. We have enjoyed learning our Winter and Christmas songs to sing to our grown-ups and the grown-ups at the Nursing Home.

## 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 Rainbow and Blue zones to support us in unpacking our feelings and using different strategies to help us regulate. We have also developed our play skills and independence in sorting conflicts.

## Understanding the World

In our science sessions we have learnt about different light sources, how shadows are formed and the difference between nocturnal and diurnal animals. We have used our knowledge of shadows to design and make shadow puppets, and then transferred this knowledge to making our own puppets at the craft table.

## 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, learnt about the Christmas story and sang lots of Christmas songs.

What an exciting term we have had!

Well done Reception!

Have a lovely Christmas break!

Head on over to our Class Dojo page to see photos!