

Spring - Reception Highlights

This half term, we have been developing our fine motor skills, handwriting, and phonics. We have also enjoyed celebrating Easter, creating a range of fantastic work including Easter cards and pictures.

Throughout the term, we have continued to explore our class value of teamwork, alongside a strong focus on the importance of kindness. Through shared stories and thoughtful discussions, we have talked about how we can show kindness not only in our classroom, but across the whole school, in our community, and throughout the wider world. We aim to show kindness and love to everyone.

English

We have continued to work hard in our phonics lessons and have been applying our learning to our writing. This term, we have enjoyed class stories including *Aliens Love Underpants* and *Jack and the Beanstalk*. We produced some lovely writing about aliens and have worked hard to develop our oracy skills by retelling *Jack and the Beanstalk* using puppets and resources in class.

Handwriting has also been a major focus this term, and everyone has made fantastic progress in ensuring their letters are correctly formed.

Maths

In maths, we have been exploring numbers in depth, focusing particularly on numbers to ten. We have practised developing fluency with number bonds to ten, as well as counting forwards and backwards within ten. In addition, we have begun to explore the concept of time through our class story *What's the Time, Mr Wolf?*, which helped support our understanding in a fun and engaging way.

Expressive Art and Design

This half term, we have created a variety of art and craft pieces. We produced several different artworks linked to the Easter story, exploring a range of materials and techniques. In music, we have been learning to keep a steady beat using a range of instruments and have begun to understand the concept of tempo. We also enjoyed creating different sounds on our instruments to accompany the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk*, bringing the story to life through music.

DT

In DT, we designed and made our own soft toy aliens, which turned out fantastically well.

RE

In RE, we have learnt about the Creation story and explored a range of ways we can care for and look after the Earth. We have also been learning about the Easter story, exploring its significance and focusing particularly on the importance of the cross and why it is meaningful to Christians.

Additional opportunities:

This term, we also welcomed our parents to a special assembly celebrating Mother's Day, which the children were very proud to present.



We had a Zumba morning...



World Book Day and the PTA 'YES' day...



...and fun in the snow!



*Well done for all of your incredible work
this term Reception!*