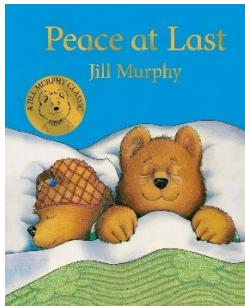


Autumn 1 - Reception

What a brilliant start we have had in Reception! The children have all settled in so wonderfully. They have made friends and learnt so much already. Our topic has been All About Me and our text this term has been Peace at Last.



Communication and Language

We have read a wide range of stories this term about families, ourselves and what makes us special. We have discussed in circle times what our likes and dislikes are and what makes us unique. We have been retelling the stories, recalling the main characters and events. We have enjoyed learning lots of rhymes and songs.

PSED

We have been exploring ways to regulate our emotions and help us self-soothe, such as peer massage, calming music, breathing techniques and using glitter bottles. We have talked about our emotions and learnt how to name them to help us know how to cope with 'big' feelings.

Physical Development

We have been working with Wigan Athletic in PE learning dance moves and choreography. We are now all confident in using the equipment on the KSI playground and our ball skills have improved by using the goals on the playground to kick our balls into, challenging ourselves by moving further away from the goals before shooting. We have also used the chalks, paintbrushes, and brushes to develop our gross motor writing movements, as well as using fiddly fingers activities to develop our fine motor control.

Literacy

We have been reading the story of Peace at Last, making the sound effects and joining in with the refrain. We have been learning a different sound every day in phonics then practising writing it. We have been blending sounds orally ready for reading. We have used stories about families to stimulate our drawing and mark making. We have also enjoyed the story of The Scarecrow's Wedding and stories about Autumn.

Maths

We have been learning about repeating patterns, comparing size and matching. The children have enjoyed sorting objects into sets and playing 'Guess my rule'. We have done lots of counting and recognition of numbers to 10 through stories such as 10 Little Monsters.

Understanding the World

This half term we have been focusing on ourselves and our wonderful bodies, discussing the things that are the same (eg two elbows) and that which is different such as hair and eye colour. We have looked and drawn who lives in our houses, and then thought about changes over time from babies to the elderly. In our R.E. sessions we have been to visit the chapel, talked about the features of Christianity and how God sees each one of us as special. We have joined the whole school for daily worship and participated in Epworth Trust weekly worship activities.



EAD

In imaginative and creative development we have explored the artist Paul Klee. We used his work on portraits to create our own collage portraits. We all drew our own portraits and made a class mural. We have used vegetables to print repeating patterns and printed with leaves and conkers, mixing Autumnal colours.



Well done Reception for a fantastic start to the school year!



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