

Autumn 2 - Reception

This half term we have been learning all about our topic of light and dark, including light sources, nocturnal and diurnal animals, and celebrations of light such as bonfire night and Diwali. We have continued to explore our class value of teamwork and we have read lots of stories about how we can be a team not only in our classroom, but also throughout school and society.

English

We have been exploring light and dark and nocturnal animals, through our stories of 'Owl Babies' and The Gruffalo's Child. 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 Christmas cards to each other and present labels. In our outdoor café we have been developing our fine motor skills ready for writing by pouring hot chocolate and buttering toast. We have practised taking orders and serving them.

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.

Expressive Art and Design

We explored Diwali and used clay to create our own Diya Lamps which we then painted. We created our own 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.

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 (thank you Trixie's mum who made us all one each) as well as hand span and square breathing.

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.

What an exciting term we have had!

Well done Reception!

Have a lovely Christmas break!



We learnt
all about
the Hindu
festival of
Diwali.



We created our
own diya lamps
to celebrate
Diwali.

Diwali is the
festival of
light.



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We learned about
Remembrance Day
and the significance
of the Poppy



Poppy Poppy



Poppy poppy what do you say?
Wear me on Remembrance Day.

Poppy poppy what do you tell?
Many soldiers in battle fell.

Poppy poppy what should we
know?
That peace on earth should
grow, grow, grow.



We shared a
poem and
song with
chapel.



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