

Reading/Spelling-RECEPTION

Next Friday your child will have a set of letter cards sent home. We hope you enjoy practising putting the letter cards together and making the list of words sent with them. The cards are accumulative so you may find that some letters are missing. Please don't worry, because by the end of the fifth week all letters will be there.



Homework

Thank you for all the wonderful homework sent in this week. We had some imaginative and creative ways of answering the questions posed. We shared these with Ms .Denney, who rewarded their efforts with headteacher awards.

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This week, the children have been speaking about their wonderful adventures and trips that they had over the half term... we all thoroughly enjoyed hearing about them. We recorded their antics by using a senses map, thinking about the sounds they heard, smells, tastes and most importantly what they saw. The children were very good at using their senses which we will be using again to create some Autumn poems next week.

Here is a little snippet of some of the things we have been doing this week in class and our targets for next week.

This week, in science, the children used all their knowledge about properties of materials to complete a challenge, to make a waterproof shelter/umbrella for a toy. We had some ingenious dens, umbrellas and shelters made, which will be tested next week. Some were embellished with sponges and soft fabrics for comfort!

With Christmas fast-approaching, Autumn Term 2 is always very busy around this time, and next week is no exception. Our work on 'toys' is still in progress in history and we will be looking at toys from the 1960's. Thunderbirds and rockets were very popular during this decade, not surprisingly with the first landing on the moon. The children will be watching original clips and thinking about why it was so important for the USA and the astronaut Neil Armstrong.

Our main focus in RE will be to learn about the wonderful customs and festivals we celebrate during November and December. Next week we will be looking at the celebrations and traditions associated with the Hindu festival of light, 'Diwali'. We will use drama and dance to re-tell the story, and decorate our classroom with traditional Rangoli patterns and Mendhi patterns.

We will be comparing and contrasting the celebrations of Diwali with Bonfire Night the following week, and learning about the notorious Guy Fawkes who plotted to kill the King of England, James I. To celebrate this foiled plan, the King demanded that all families should celebrate November the 5th with a bonfire and fireworks, so splatter painting and bonfire pictures are a must and we apologise in advance for any colourful clothing returning home!

We are very proud of how quickly the children have settled into school again: they have all worked hard and enjoyed learning together again.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Melanaphy and Mrs Snutch