

Update for Class One - Week Beginning 4th November 2024

Welcome back everyone, I hope you had a lovely half-term. The children have returned fresh and on fabulous form.

This week we planted hyacinths for Christmas gifts and put them away in a dark place until nearer Christmas, when hopefully nature will have worked its wonders. In RE we were thinking about things we celebrate because of our religion and things we celebrate because it might be traditional. We learned about Diwali on Monday (which was on the 31st October this year) as well as Bonfire night safety. In PE we were working on ball skills with a focus on sending a ball carefully to a partner. We began by rolling and progressed to bouncing, they did really well. We learned more about circles and triangles in maths and found them all over the place. In phonics we reviewed week 4 from before half-term and consequently there was just one writing homework sheet to do. We will be moving on to week 5 next week (h,b,f and l) and back to our usual homework timetable of reviewing the new GPC through the week.

We also made individual poppies through the week and put them together for the school poppy wreath. We talked about the importance of the Remembrance Day celebrations, thinking about why it's important to remember things that happened a very long time ago and how we can say thank you to people who have helped us, even if we never met them. This morning we took the wreath to the memorial in the village, on behalf of the whole school, so it will be there for the service on Sunday. Mr Ratcliffe came with us and said a short prayer about poppies as we paid our respects. The children were all super sensible and I was very proud of them.

Mrs Jarvis has given me the following information about her music lessons: This week we started our new topic on Celebration Music. We learnt about the Hindu festival of Diwali and its special music and dances. We learnt that Diwali is the festival of light and that music and dance are an important part of the festival. We listened to some Diwali music and the children danced to the music using scarves and making up their own moves. We talked about how the music is different to lots of the music we listen to on the radio or on the television. Finally, we had great fun learning the 'Five Days of Diwali Dance' - we found it was a very energetic dance!

Thank you for the baby pictures if you have sent me one already, we will be using them on Monday afternoon to support the RE work. Don't forget to send me one over the weekend if you haven't already. Thank you also for coming to the parent meetings. It's lovely to have such a group of parents, who are engaged with their children's learning and so supportive of their education. I appreciate you all and it was a pleasure to talk with you about your brilliant children.

It's Anti-bullying week next week. The theme is 'Choose Respect' and I would like you all to get on board with the odd socks day on Tuesday if you can. Mr Ratcliffe is sending a separate letter with more details and there is a flyer, made by our Mindmate Ambassadors, in the children's bags tonight. There was also a letter sent home about supporting an incentive from the Eco Committee about cutting your carbon. Please join in if you can.

Have a great weekend. Kind regards from Mrs Watts.