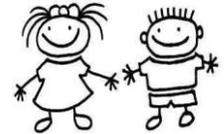
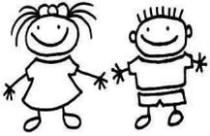


Reception Weekly Learning Update

WB 15th October 2018



Literacy

This week we have been looking at the story 'Leaf Man'. We read the story as a whole class, discussing what is happening in each part of the story as we went along. The story ends with "where the leaf man will go, nobody knows" – the children then had the opportunity to think about where they think the leaf man will travel to next. They shared their ideas with their talk partners and then some of the children told the whole class where their leaf man's next adventure will be – we had some really imaginative ideas!

Next, the children had to help the leaf man to label his body parts – as he heard that the children in Reception were superstars at knowing each body part. We discussed that the term labelling means and then we all completed a whole class labelling task. The children did really well and were able to hear the initial sounds in the words. Well done Class 1 and 2!

Phonics

This week the children have been learning the letter sounds *g, o, c and k*. All the children have been trying really hard to practise the letter formations and we have seen some lovely writing!

We would like you to practise all the letter sounds that the children have been learning over the holidays, these are *m, a, s, d, t, i, n, p, g, o, c & k*.

Maths

This week we introduced positional language (on, in, under, behind and in front). Firstly, the children watched the positional language song 'where's the monkey?' – the children really enjoyed the song we could hear lots of positional language used. We then carried out a whole class activity where the teacher placed a conker in certain positions on the chair and the children had to say where the conker was, using positional language. We were very impressed with how quickly the children picked up the language and they did very well in the activity!

Expressive Arts and Design

This week the children have been painting some lovely Autumn scene pictures. They have been using leaves, sticks, conkers, paints – using their imaginations to create their own pieces of work.

During our music session this week we have been practising our song by Nat King Cole 'Autumn Leaves' – this is to celebrate our Black Musician week, where the children will share their work and song in an assembly.

Understanding the World

This week we have been looking at the different seasons – mainly focusing on Autumn. Our focus activity talked through the book 'The little Acorn' – this book discusses the different seasons and how an acorn tree grows throughout these seasons. We also talked about the life cycle of an acorn. The children paid lots of attention and asked lots of questions – which show's good understanding and enthusiasm to learn more!

This week has also been Black Musician week. This is where the whole school has been looking at different famous black musicians over the years and then present their new knowledges in an assembly. Reception have been looking at Nat King Cole 'Autumn Leaves' – we chose this as we felt it fitted in nicely with our topic.

We have had our continuous provision around the classroom set up for the children to explore – our main focus this week has been letter and sounds, autumn scenes and 2D shapes.

School closes Friday 19th October and will re-open again Wednesday 31st October. All the children have worked so hard in their first half term, and they have all settled in so well – you should all be very proud of your children. We hope you all have a lovely break and enjoy it!