Holy Ghost EYFS Newsletter

Hello Reception!

Hello! We have had a fantastic week learning about Remembrance Day and we even took part in our first whole-school two minutes' silence on Wednesday. I also had the opportunity to reassess your child for phonics and they are all making good progress - thank you for the continued support at home!

Reminders

- **Phonics assessments**: All of the children have made progress with their phonics since their last assessment! On Thursday you will have received a letter with more details if your child has moved up a reading group!
- **Parents Evening**: We have our first parents' evening on Thursday 26th November. If you are unable to attend, please email the office and we will reschedule your appointment!

Dates

- Monday 16th November: Odd Socks Day
- Friday 20th November: Own Clothes Day



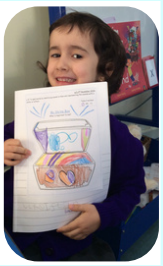
Next Week

- **Phonics**: Next week we are learning **z**, **qu**, **plural -s** and **ch**. Our tricky words are **go**, **no**, **to** and **into**.
- **English**: Our focus this week is on developing our 'Cosy Corner'. We will look at photos of other school's cosy corners before writing lists of things that we would like to add to ours.
- **Understanding the World**: This week we are learning about **Diwali**. We will make diya lamps, listen to the story of Rama and Sita and also make our own Rangoli patterns.
- **RE**: We begin learning about the **Christmas Story** this week; looking at where Jesus was born and hearing about the shepherds.
- **Maths**: We will introduce the children to the part-part-whole model with a focus on composition of numbers to 10. We will also go on a Shape Hunt around the school later on in the week.

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Communication and Language

We took turns to share our 'Shrine Boxes' with the rest of the class. We practiced listening to one another as we discovered new things that we have in common with the people in our class.



Physical Development

This week we have been busy threading poppies in honour of Remembrance Day. We used needles to carefully weave the string around the outside of the poppies.



RE

We heard the story of the Angel Gabriel visiting Mary and telling her that she was going to have a baby. We talked about how she might have felt and then made flowers to say thank-you to her.



Literacy

This week we thought about things that are important to us. We then drew these in our own 'Shrine Boxes' and had the opportunity to present our boxes to the rest of the class!



Maths

We had the opportunity to practice our reasoning skills this week when revisiting more/less than. We practiced explaining who had more or less and how we knew.



Understanding the World

This week we have learnt about Remembrance Day. We have enjoyed lots of poppy-themed activities and have reflected on similarities and differences between the past and present.



Expressive Arts and Design

Not only have we made a poppy wreath using handprints but we have also used recycling to make our own instruments. Luckily, we have decided to keep these instruments in school to show them to the other year groups!



Pantosaurus

This week we have introduced the children to the NSPCC's Pantosaurus. Pantosaurus is a fun, child-friendly way to teach children about keeping their bodies safe. Through the NSPCC's PANTS rules, children learn that their body belongs to them, that private parts are private, and that they can say no to unwanted touch. It also encourages children to speak to a trusted adult if anything makes them feel worried or uncomfortable.

If you would like more information, please follow the link below to the NSPCC's website!





[NSPCC Pantosaurus Website]

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/pants-underwear-rule/