

Reception Classroom News

March 2019



ENGLISH

During this month we have covered the letter name and sounds of Dd, Ee, Ff and Gg. For each letter we have learnt words and hand movements to go with each rhyme. We have completed Dd, Ee, Ff and Gg posters with items beginning with each of the letter sounds. We have been introduced to sight words such as dog, dad, day, for, go, get and going. We have made sight word booklets in class. Also we have continued to improve our pre-writing skills and pencil control tracing over words beginning with Dd, Ee, Ff and Gg.

As autumn has started we have begun to introduce autumnal words such as seeds, leaves, branch, trunk as well as the autumnal colours purple, brown, yellow, red and orange. As part of St George's day celebrations we used words such as horse, dragon, shield, castle, king and princess.

MATHS

During Maths time we have learnt the correct formation of numbers 4, 5 and 6 through using our Number Zoo programme. We have learnt the characters feathery four, frisky five, and snappy six. We have made groups of objects (sets of 4, 5 and 6). We have counted using our fingers up to 4, 5 and 6. We have continued following patterns of coloured 2D shapes of big, medium and small sizes using squares, triangles and circles. We have also identified which ribbon is the longest, medium length and shortest. Reception class has learnt about fractions: whole ones, halves and quarters. We made and cut up paper pizzas into halves and quarters. We were made aware of the cone shape when we made and decorated binoculars for our Earth Day song.

KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

In Science we have focused on looking at parts of a tree. We have done leaf and bark rubbings and discovered about their shape, colour and textures. The children have drawn and marked the veins of a leaf. We have looked at animals who hibernate during autumn and winter months, such as squirrels and bears. As part of our study we have talked about the four seasons and that the days get shorter in autumn. We have matched up clothes according to the four seasons.

In Geography we have studied how wood comes from trees and what furniture can be made such as tables, chairs, shelves, houses, etc. We have investigated where our food comes from e.g., milk and cheese from cows, bread from wheat, vegetables from the ground and fruit from trees.

In History we have been learnt about kings, queens and castles, paying particular attention to King Henry VI and Queen Elizabeth I of the United Kingdom. We have explored castle life and how castles differ in shape and size. We have built castles using Lego blocks.

Through Music we have explored and moved our bodies like waving leaves in the wind, moving trees, and shoots growing into trees.

ART

In Art, reception has made a large flower using lentils, beans and chick peas. We decorated a large autumn tree with real leaves collected from the school grounds. We also made a long leaf window decoration using different shapes of leaves made out of coloured card and coloured paper squares. For St. George's Day we made a red cross shield and a dragon. For the letter Dd we made a dinosaur out of toilet rolls and newspaper, an elephant for letter Ee, a multicoloured fish for letter Ff, and a golf club for letter Gg.

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