

RECEPTION CLASS

NEWSLETTER

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During the month of October, Reception class have explored the topics of spring, insects, plants, countries and Halloween.

English

In English we have explored the letter sounds of ch, sh and th. We drew and wrote the names of objects beginning or ending with these letter sound blends. We made posters of each of these letter blends too. We brainstormed words such as cheese, chocolate, chips, chain, shop, shirt, shorts, sheep, path, moth, thick, thin and thumb.

We read the stories entitled 'Chimp and Champs', 'The Fish that shot off to the Sea' and 'The Thin King with a Moth in his Broth'. We had to count all the words that began with each of these letter sound blends.

Maths

In Maths we have continued to work out simple addition and subtraction sums up to and from 10. We have used our number lines from 0 to 10 to write our numbers correctly. We have also reinforced and consolidated our work on 2D and 3D shapes. Shapes that have been introduced are hexagon, pentagon, diamond, oval, heart, star, cube, cuboid, cone and pyramid.

Reception have explored capacity. We filled cups up with unifix cubes. We filled to the top, half way, a quarter full and three quarters full.

We have also covered the numbers 24, 25 and 26. We have counted up to 24, 25 and 26 and made posters for each of these numbers.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

In Science the children have been able to grow a bean plant from a seed in cotton wool in a plastic cup. We have observed the stages and growth of the seed from roots, to stem and to leaves. We have named the parts of a plant too.

In the school garden we have planted small plantlets of radish, beetroot, parsley, lettuce and coriander. We have learnt that sunlight, water, food and soil is required in order for the plant to grow.

We have been able to learn and identify small insects such as ladybugs, wasps, bees, butterflies, centipedes, grasshoppers, greenflies, snails, slugs, worms and ants.

We made a life cycle wheel about the caterpillar from egg, to cocoon, to caterpillar and then to butterfly.

We made our country's flags from Pakistan, India, Chile as well as coloured in maps of Pakistan, India and Chile. We watched short videos on each of these countries learning about the differences in culture, animals, scenery and food.

Art

In Art Reception have made Halloween cats using coloured cellophane; tissue paper and foam spiders; cellophane and card pumpkins; ghost ties and lacing trick or treat bags.

We have also made an animal collage and an ocean picture with Miss Jeanette using different collage materials such as felt, crepe paper, tissue paper, colouring pencils and marker pens.

Music

We have learnt the words and actions to the song The Halloween Stomp.

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