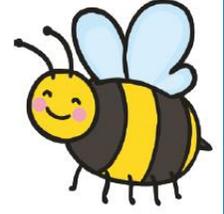


Reception Newsletter 5th November 2021



I hope you all had a good half-term break. The children have enjoyed sharing news and using their new "news books" to draw lovely pictures of their half-term activities.

Here are just a few of the things we have done:

- On Monday the children went to church for their first time with school. They built on last half-term's family work by recognising that we are also part of our church family. We were very proud of Reception. One parishioner commented on how lovely it was to see Reception at Mass and how well behaved they were.
- The children have looked at the story "Pumpkin Soup". We talked about the theme of friendship; considered the beginning, middle and end of the story; made our own paper pumpkins; and made and tasted our own pumpkin soup! It smelt and tasted delicious.
- We have started our new topic "colour and light". The children have been thinking about bonfire night and fireworks. The children have also learnt about the Hindu celebration of Diwali, the festival of light, and how this is celebrated. They watched a video of a firework display, made their own glitter fireworks, used Purple Mash on the computer to draw fireworks using the mouse and made their own Rangoli patterns.
- The children are deepening their understanding of the numbers 1,2 and 3 and their compositions. They have also started to explore shape.
- The children have learnt three new sounds this week in phonics - e, u and r. They have been using their using the sounds we have learned and their phonics skills to write and read some simple words.
- We have started our new RE topic "God's Family". The children listened to the story of St Elizabeth of Hungary and noticed how she loved God and God loved her. The children enjoyed acting out this story.
- This week in PE the children have been exploring ways of travelling on their hands and feet by climbing! This half term we are introducing some "talk about bags". Two children will be chosen each weekend to take home a talk about bag. If your child comes home on a Friday with a talk about bag, we would like them to find something to put in the bag to talk to us about on the Monday. (More instructions with the bag).

Have a lovely weekend. Miss Sudell and the Reception Team.

