

Class 1 Weekly Update- Friday 9th November 2018

Welcome back and I hope you all had a good half term. The children have had a very busy week.

We started the week learning about Guy Fawkes. The children then wrote about him, including lots of interesting information. Surprisingly when I told them he lived in York and went to St Peters School most children didn't realise how close York is and the historical significance of the city. As a result of this we will do some more work on York later in the year. The children created bonfire pictures through solving phonics questions and matching colours. Hopefully they will have also have brought firework pictures homes, which they made by spreading paint and glue to create the initial shape and then covering with glitter.

Wednesday was Diwali so the children learnt about the story of Rama and Sita and about some Hindu traditions. They created rangoli patterns using Hama beads and also coloured in some quite intricate patterns. They also drew mehndi patterns and learnt how they are used in many Hindu festivals.

Thursday and Friday we learnt about Remembrance Day. The children created collage poppies made from magazines. They also made poppies from card. Our maths focus was around the date 11th November. We ordered the months of the year. The children learnt when their birthdays are and matched it to the correct month. They also learn what the numbers in the 'short' date mean- learning that the second number is the month. To be able to do this they had to be really confident in the order of the months. Finally they also practised handwriting the months.

In addition to all of the above, I have introduced the children to a game to encourage reading. Several children tell me they already have it at home. The game is called 'Teach your Monster to Read'. It is free to use on a laptop, but unfortunately there is a charge to play it on a tablet or phone as it comes in app form. I have given all of the children a login and password today in case you wanted to play it with them at home. I have stuck the login into their reading record. The login means if they play at home then they pick up where they left off when we play it in class. The game is set on three levels. I have set your child on the level to match their phonics ability at the moment.

I have also sent home some words for your child to learn for the Christmas production. Please can you support them in learning their words off by heart. Many thanks for your anticipated support.

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