

Reception Class Newsletter – 13th November 2015



Today has been quite a fun day! Thank you so much for all your donations to Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who took part today.



We have been talked about 3D shapes and getting our tongues around some very tricky names like cylinder, cone, cube, cuboid, sphere, triangular prism and pyramid! We looked at the different shaped faces on each shape and found out which shapes were best for building and why. We also found out which shapes would roll. We used cones and cylinders to make our bonfire/Diwali rockets.

In their writing some children are beginning to introduce some of the sounds they can hear into their own 'have a go' writing. Don't be concerned if you can't see the sounds that you know they can read. Reading and writing do not move at the same pace. Children will remember and read the sounds long before they can write them. Now we have looked at the formation of most of the letters we are focusing more on how we write our names. Some children can confidently write their names but they aren't forming all the letters correctly and some children can represent their name with some letters but have some missing. Hopefully over the next few weeks you should notice an improvement in the way the children write their names. We begin with first names then surname although it may take some children quite a while to master both so please don't worry. Be guided by what your child can do and celebrate whatever they can do!

On Wednesday we talked about why we wear poppies and how important it is to remember. We made our own box of memories containing happy and sad memories. We managed to sit quietly for one minute at 11 o'clock. I was really proud of the way the children did this.

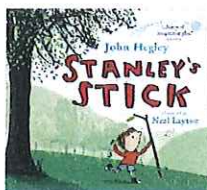


We have been finding out about the Hindu festival of lights, Diwali. We used the CBeebies programme 'Let's Celebrate' to help us. We watched two short programmes about a little girl called Jessica and how she prepares for and celebrates this special day with her family. The children will make their own clay divas which we will paint when they are dry. We used

Purple Mash to make rangoli patterns. Rangoli patterns are traditionally put on the ground outside the house to welcome visitors. Mrs Ling told the children the

story of Rama and Sita and they made masks of characters from the story. We also have been learning a special Diwali song and made paper lanterns.

Our new sounds in Read Write Inc this week are j, v, y and w. We have almost completed all the set 1 sounds. Please don't worry if your child is getting some letters confused or isn't recognising them all. There is lots of over learning, some children need a little longer than others to pick them up.



Stanley's Mum was our first brilliant mystery reader this week and read the wonderful story 'Stanley's Stick'. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be a mystery reader so far.

Congratulations to our stars this week Jessica W and William and to George and Ellie who sat on the VIP table to eat their lunch today.

You may have noticed that Mrs Newbould has been absent this week. We wish her a speedy recovery. Until she is well enough to return we have been joined by Mrs Kemp who usually works with Year 1 and children in key stage two.

Many thanks,

Mrs Rogers, Mrs Newbould and Miss Kirby