

Learning Journal 18.11.16

This week....our nativity play has begun to come together and the children are really enjoying their parts and getting into the swing of rehearsing. We also welcomed Henry back into school to help us in our garden and to plant a little oak tree at the top of the school field. Henry planted all the trees in the corner of the field and the children love to play in their shade in the summer.

We also poppies for Remembrance Day and baked cookies and on Friday we enjoyed juice and biscuits for full attendance all week. Well done!



Literacy and Phonics

Our phonics sessions concentrated on our hardest sounds to learn: sh, ch, qu, th, nk and ng. We used them to build and read words and all of reception are getting to grips with them now. We have been writing and telling our own versions of the Christmas story and sharing our favourite books. If your child has a book at home that they would love to share with the class, please encourage them to bring it to school for us all to enjoy.

Mathematics

We were working on addition this week, counting on in our heads and on our fingers, and using counting equipment. The younger children were matching numbers to numerals and ordering numbers to 10 using jigsaws and a variety of number games. They have also been practising using their fingers to show a number and enjoy our finger races very much.

Other news.....we have been working very hard in our garden to fill our raised beds and get ready for the spring. We have had some fantastic compost from our bins and have loved digging in the mud and wheelbarrowing it all to the top of the field. Hopefully we will be able to grow some delicious fruit and veg in them. As a reward for their hard work the children had hot chocolate which we made using the storm kettle and then we roasted marshmallows on the fire. This week Henry came to help and planted a little oak tree for us to look after.





Help at Home.....

The nursery children will be bringing home a story to share as part of our Talk Boost scheme to support children's early communication and language skills. Please share this story with your child as often as they want over the week but keep it in your child's bag to return on Friday. These stories have specific learning activities attached and the more you read the story together, the more they will benefit from the learning in school. We hope you enjoy this new resource and get the most out of it.

In case you are concerned, none of the Splash children need a costume for their Christmas play as the fabulous Mrs Rutter has had her handy sewing machine out and done an amazing job yet again. They will just need their school shorts and t shirt from their PE kit to go under their costume.