

Reception Newsletter - Week beginning: 6.10.25

Term 1 topic - Who am I?

Our theme of the week - Black History Month



We enjoyed learning about Alma Thomas and her art works.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- We have been continuing to develop our listening skills as we learn and play together. We are remembering our class rules to ensure we are Ready, Respectful and Safe. We have also been concentrating on sharing toys and taking turns with our friends as we play together. In Jigsaw this week the theme is 'Being me at School'. This week we chatted about how important it is to have kind hands.

Communication and Language- We enjoyed chatting to each other about our stories this week and have been sharing lots ideas with a partner during maths sessions on the carpet. We know we use a 'thumb' if we want to answer a question on the carpet or share our ideas, rather than shouting out.

Physical Development- To help develop our fine motor skills we have enjoyed leaf rubbings, using scissors and tweezers, threading beads onto pipe cleaners and wrapping wool around leaves. We have also been busy cutting and sticking in the making areas and using various building and constructing toys. Dough Disco is great fun to help us strengthen our fingers for writing. We are also enjoying 'Squiggle whilst you Wiggle' where we practise our gross motor skills. In PE this week we were practising following a pathway and taking turns in small groups.

Literacy- We are learning lots of new sounds to help us to begin reading and writing. The children have enjoyed learning three new sounds this week, 'n', 'p' and 'g'. We have played Fred Frog games and we are getting very good at putting sounds together to make words, for example, 'c-a-t, cat' during phonics sessions. We especially enjoy using phonics cards and objects to teach each other in 'choosing'

time. We have been practising our letter formation using chalks outside and also doing water painting. We continue to look at a variety of fiction and non-fiction books and share them with our friends.

Mathematics- We have continued to practise counting in 1s to 10 and back down to 0, recognising our numbers to 10, forming our numbers correctly and showing the correct number of fingers when asked. This week we were learning to subitise to 3 (looking at a quantity of objects and knowing how many without counting).

Understanding the World- We continue to spot many changes in the world around us and we are noticing more leaves on the ground, showing so many different signs of autumn. We have loved exploring all the different Autumn items on our 'finding out tables' and we have especially enjoyed sharing all the different items that you have found and brought in to share with the class. We enjoy using the smart board and completing activities on the Purple Mash website. We practise our number and letter formation on the board every day. As part of Black History Month we have read stories by authors of colour.

Expressive Arts and Design- We had a go at our own interpretations of nature inspired by Alma Thomas. We used lots of autumnal colours to represent patterns in nature. We enjoyed using straws to blow paint and make autumn pictures. We sang Three Little Birds by Bob Marley and enjoyed signing along to it. We went to Singing Assembly and learnt the song 'Together as One'.

Supporting learning at home

- Challenge the children to count. How many steps ...?
- Can you play 'I spy.... using the phonemes (sounds) we have been learning?
- Why not make some bread dough at home. Just mix flour and a little bit of water and see what happens.
- Continue to practise oral blending, "put on your c-oa-t" ..
- Practise recognising and writing all the sounds learnt so far.
- Practise writing numbers to 10.

Have a look at the photos of the children learning through play...

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Notes for week beginning 13.10.25

- **Remember Friday 24th October is an inset day.**
- **Please make sure that coats, water bottles and book bags are in school every day, all labelled with your child's name.**
- **The disco is taking place on Wednesday 22nd October. Tickets can be purchased on ParentPay.**

Have a nice weekend!