

**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 whether or not it was ok to take someone else's things. We also talked about our school values and rules.

**Communication and Language-** We enjoyed chatting to each other about our stories this week and have been sharing lots of 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 exploring play dough, 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 are developing and applying footwork and one leg balance through songs and games. When we are outside we love building obstacle courses to challenge our balance and agility and we are learning to use sports equipment correctly. We learnt how to use bats and balls this week and enjoyed hitting the ball to each other.

**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, 'o', 'c' and 'k'. 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 talked about capacity and patterns. We read Dear Zoo and worked out how many animals we could fit into different sized boxes.

**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 sang Three Little Birds by Bob Marley and enjoyed signing along to it.

#### **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-oo-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 21.10.24**

- Remember Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 3.30 – 4.15pm.

**Have a nice weekend!**