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NURSERY NEWS

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As we come to the end of a busy and productive term, we are delighted to share some of the wonderful experiences and achievements that showcase the exciting learning journey the children have been on. The children have grown in confidence, exploring our learning areas with curiosity and purpose. It has been a joy to watch their enthusiasm and independence flourish.

This half-term, we have marked several special occasions together, including Anti-Bullying Week, St. Leonard's Day, Black History Month and Remembrance Day. Each event provided meaningful opportunities for learning and reflection. Advent has been a truly special time - watching the children practise and perform their Nativity play has been a particular highlight!

We look forward to an exciting Spring term ahead!

Big, Bold Mark-Making!

This half-term, the children have absolutely loved exploring mark-making on a big scale! They've enjoyed working together, sharing ideas and having fun as they've created their own unique marks.

We've experimented with a variety of media, including chalk, crayons, pastels, felt pens, paint and even mud! Mark-making is so important as it's building the strength and coordination they'll need for writing later on. The children particularly liked using natural materials - like leaves - as paintbrushes. The results were amazing and sparked so much creativity and excitement. We're so proud of how the children have embraced these activities. They've been creative, collaborative and full of enthusiasm!



Marvellous Maths

Following lunch each day, our classroom bursts into life with Marvellous Maths! We often begin with counting songs which the children thoroughly enjoy, making learning numbers lots of fun! The children have been naming, ordering and reciting numbers confidently.

Our maths lessons are always practical and hands-on to help build strong foundations for future learning while keeping maths engaging and enjoyable. This half-term, we've explored exciting concepts such as height and length, finding the total, positional language, mass and capacity and time (especially daily routines). The children love taking turns to join in; sometimes even Lennie Bear joins the fun! We're so proud of the children's enthusiasm and progress. Maths really is marvellous!



Odd Socks Day

We marked Odd Socks Day at the start of Anti-bullying Week. In our class worship, we talked about how these odd socks remind us to be kind to everyone.



Worship in the Woods

On Remembrance Day, we gathered in the school woodland for a very special time of worship. The children held pictures of poppies and helped lay a poppy wreath at the foot of the cross. Together, we said prayers and observed a moment of silence to remember all the brave soldiers, their families and even the animals who served during wartime. It was a meaningful experience for everyone.



Talking About Feelings in Little Lennie's

In Little Lennie's, the children love using the Colour Monsters to help them understand and talk about feelings. They're always out in the classroom for the children to play with and learn from and we revisit them often in our discussions. The children have even created beautiful artwork inspired by the Colour Monsters to show what different emotions look and feel like. Alongside this, we practise calming breathing techniques to help us feel relaxed and ready to learn. One of our

favourites is Hot Chocolate Breathing - pretending to smell a delicious cup of hot chocolate, then blowing gently to cool it down. The children enjoyed making slow marks in some rice with their fingers like their breathing going in and out and talked about which marks made them feel calm.

These activities make learning about feelings fun and give the children practical ways to manage big emotions. It's wonderful to see how confident they are becoming in expressing themselves and supporting each other.



Outdoor Learning

Our outdoor classroom provides rich opportunities for hands-on experiences, encouraging exploration, problem-solving and creativity while deepening the children's understanding of the world around them.



Gymnastics Fun in PE!

The children have been exploring gymnastics skills using a range of apparatus. They've practised travelling in different ways, balancing, creating shapes and performing rolls. Each week, they've worked hard to develop these skills and it's been wonderful to see their confidence and ability grow!



Exploring Festivals in RE

This half-term, children learned how different faiths celebrate special events, encouraging respect and curiosity about different beliefs and values. We explored Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Light, learning about the story of Rama and Sita and creating beautiful rangoli patterns to celebrate its vibrant traditions and colours. We learned that Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus and why this is such an important event for Christians. The children enjoyed reading and acting out the Christmas story, singing songs and performing a wonderful Nativity play.



Thank you for your support this term and for your help with the Nativity costumes. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy, peaceful New Year!