

Sylvester Primary Academy

Early Years Newsletter

Autumn Term- Friday 10th November 2023



Nursery Class

This week we have been learning about Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. We drew Mehndi patterns, made Rangoli patterns using coloured rice and learned how Hindu families celebrate by lighting candles and sharing a special meal with friends and family. We also had Science day and became lighting engineers! We set up a dark den, investigated how torches work and how they can help us in the dark. For Remembrance Day we made our own poppies by printing with apples! We created a Remembrance Day display in class. Our Maths work has centred around number 1. We played games, made number ones in the craft, play dough and block areas and went on a number 1 hunt.

Home Activity: Go on a number 1 hunt in your house and whilst out and about over the weekend. How many number 1s can you see?

Reception Class

This week we have been sharing the story 'Little Red', an alternative version to Little Red Riding Hood. The children have enjoyed looking at the story in detail and describing the different characters. For Science Day we have been exploring what makes a 'Scientist' and how the term Scientist covers lots of different jobs. In Maths we have been getting a deeper understanding of numbers and looking at different ways we can represent each number using objects/symbols and tally's. In Phonics we have been working on our blending skills by putting sounds together to read a word. Trying giving your child a simple instruction with the last word spoken in sounds e.g. Go and get your h-a-t. This will help to develop their blending skills.

Key Dates:

Monday 13th November - Thursday 16th November: Nursery Stay and Play sessions taking place

Friday 17th November: Children in Need (Children can come into school wearing spotty clothes. If possible a donation of £1.00 for Children in Need.

Wednesday 6th December: Nursery Nativity (morning time, further details to follow)

Friday 8th December: Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 12th December Reception Nativity (further details to follow)

Friday 15th December: Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 21st December: Term ends

Reminders:

If your child is a packed lunch, please ensure that you do not send in any nut products as we have children with allergies.

If your child has small pieces of fruit such as grapes please ensure that these are cut up so as not to be a choking risk.