



# Look what we've been up to:

**Nursery** - In nursery this week, we have been learning about our five senses. We have felt objects in feely boxes, listened to some mystery sounds, looked for hidden items in the garden, tasted a selection of different fruit and smelled a variety of scents- what a week!



**Reception** - This week we have been talking a lot about Diwali. We listened to the 'Rama and Sita' story and made cards to wish everyone a Happy Diwali. Outside the children were making Rangolipatterns on our playground... they looked amazing! Have a look!

We were also talking about Bonfire Night and tried to explain the noises that fireworks make. The children also blow-painted fireworks on card and made their own sparklers!



**Year 1** On Wednesday, half of year 1 went on an autumn nature walk in our local area. As the children explored, they looked out for signs of autumn such as conkers, acorns, pine cones and sycamores. The children loved collecting the crunchy leaves in such a vast range of colours. We thought about the animals that might live there in the autumn and how the space may change throughout the different seasons. It was lots of fun! They shared what they had found with the other children who are now looking forward to exploring the season of winter in the coming months.



**Year 2** - This week in Year 2 we have been exploring shape and acrostic poems themed around our topic The Great Fire of London.

Here is a poem by Jessica Keating in 2M:

*Babies crying and screaming.  
Unsafe fire rising over London.  
Running fire illuminating the city.  
Nasty fire crackling.  
Infinite fire burning.  
Nauseous smoke.  
Gigantic red, orange and yellow fire  
spreading all around.*

In Science this week we experimented with glitter to understand how germs can be spread. Each child was given a small amount of glitter to rub into their hands (this acted like a sneeze into our hands). Then we carried on with an activity in class as normal. After the lesson we looked all around the room to see where the 'germs' had spread... they were on the tables,

chairs, carpet, our hands, pencils, hair and even on our faces! What an important lesson we learned about washing our hands! What a busy and exciting week!

**Year 3** - In literacy this week the children have been learning about the story of Rama and Sita as part of Diwali. They thoroughly enjoyed using different vocabulary when acting out the story in front of the class. The children also discussed the different scenes in the story and re-wrote the story in a storyboard format. Next week in literacy the children will be exploring persuasive writing as they look to attract lots of customers to the Year 3 and 4 cake sale on Monday 14th November.

In Science this week the children have started learning about their new topic Rocks and Soil. They began learning about sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rock, as well as exploring the school grounds to see if they could find any! They are all very excited to explore this topic in more detail over the up and coming weeks.

Finally a big well done to those children who were presented with pen licenses in assembly by Mrs Breslin. They will be receiving their certificates early next week. Keep up the neat handwriting!





**Year 4** - Last week, Year 4 were lucky enough to be chosen to take part in a workshop designed to aid the learning of German at primary level. This was a run by the Goethe-Institute. Punch and Judy are well-known but in this workshop the children got to know their German counterparts, Kasper and Gretel. Children got to know the main characters, observing scenes in English and German. Singing and intercultural learning were all part of the show and the workshop was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part. Thank you to Mrs Devons for providing the children with this fantastic learning opportunity!



**Year 6** - Year 6 have enjoyed their first week back after half term. In English lessons they have produced some super writing considering the thoughts and feelings of one character in our class text, 'Friend or Foe'. The children have taken great care to engage the reader in their writing by drawing them in with rhetorical questioning and revealing their inner most thoughts.

In science lessons year 6 had great fun exploring why we see in different colours. They used different coloured filters to investigate how the colour of an object can change dependent on the colours that are filtered or reflected.



*'I said my last goodbye to Mother. I was going to miss the bunks that Father had made when he was on leave. Even though I had my best friend Tucky, I was still lonely. I watched the raindrops race to the bottom of the window. There were three that joined to make a family (just like me, Mum and Dad).'*

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## Happy Diwali!

A big thank you and well done to all of our children who were involved in Friday's assembly. It was lovely to hear all about the celebrations and learn more about the religious festival. There was certainly lots to think about, with the key message of family and celebration shining through. We hope all who celebrate, enjoyed a very Happy Diwali!

