

Curriculum update

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Welcome back!

We've had a busy few weeks since returning after half term! We had a great start to our week this week with a visit to William's farm. The children were excited to compare the farm to the potato harvesting that we had seen before half term. William showed us around and talked about the animals they have on the farm and what they are used for. We started looking at the calves who had recently joined the farm. Some of them were very nervous but some enjoyed licking our fingers and even a little nibble on people's hats and coats. The children found out how they were fed which we compared to the bigger cows when we visited them in the next shed. We also found out how the tractors were used and even got to sit on a huge tractor! We also had a look at the quad bike and found out how that was used on the farm too. The children had a brilliant afternoon and it generated lots of discussion and questions when we got back to school.

Maths

Over the past two weeks, we have been looking at the number 5. We have investigated shapes that have 5 sides, collected 5 objects and ordered them by size, found different ways of making 5 using the numicon and ordered numbers to 5. We also started to look at coins 1p-10p. We matched them to the numicon so we could see the value of the coins. We found out there wasn't a 3p or 4p so found ways of making them using the coins.

We are hoping to begin visiting Dulas Court within the next few weeks. We will split the children into 3 groups of 10 and they will visit on a rotation so as not to overwhelm the residents. This will happen in school time and will just become part of their weekly routine. Everyone will have visited before the term ends.

Remembrance Day

On Monday, we spent time thinking about the soldiers that helped to keep our country safe in the war. We talked about why the war happened and how brave the soldiers were for keeping us safe. The children had lots of questions about the soldiers and we investigated things such as: their uniform, the animals being used, the equipment they had and how long the first world war lasted for. We used a poppy field picture as inspiration to create our own. We used black card and used cotton buds to create a poppy field. We also made purple poppy's to remember the animals that helped in the war too.

Pudsey

We had a special visit from Pudsey on Wednesday. The children sang their songs that they have been practicing and Pudsey enjoyed listening to them. We talked about why we raise money for Children in Need and where our pennies go. Thank you to everyone who was able to donate and a special thanks to those children who used their own money. BBC Hereford and Worcester came with Pudsey and there is a short clip of the children giving Pudsey a cuddle on the website (another 10 seconds of fame for us).

Dates for your diary

12th December 2019 – Elves and the Shoemaker @ Courtyard (more details to follow including payment)

18th December 2019 – Whole school Christmas Production

This is always a busy term with lots happening and we will update you as soon as we can if anything else is planned.