

Curriculum update

16/11/20

Independent children...

I have been amazed with all of the children's acts of kindness throughout this week. Our discussion surrounding acts of kindness started with the video below. You could share this at home and see if the children could explain the acts of kindness that are happening.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwAXpLVyeFU>

It has linked really well with our NSPCC walk as well as Children in Need. We have spent time talking about how lucky we are: to come to school, have food at lunch time, have coats to keep us warm and have places that we feel safe. We have talked about how this isn't the same for all children which prompted lots of questions surrounding both the NSPCC and Children in Need. The children had such empathetic suggestions of things we could do to help others and people less fortunate than us. I have loved seeing your 'Acts of Kindness' and it has prompted lots more in the classroom too.

This week's challenge is focusing on another one of our values...responsibility! I would like the children to take responsibility for something at home. This could be: laying the table for dinner time, putting out everyone's shoes in the morning, putting away the toys they've been playing with, making their own bed or clearing away the whole table after everyone has eaten. It is important that the children take responsibility for things/jobs as it helps them to understand the value of looking after things and taking care of something. This could be a job that continues after the challenge so pick carefully! The children might have their own ideas too.

We have talked about our challenges being something that should continue and that they are proud that they can do e.g. putting their own coat on, scraping their plates. We are seeing much more independent children in the classroom, well done!!

Diwali

Last week we celebrated Diwali! We talked about what the Hindu festival celebrates and why it is important to Hindu's. We learnt what they do to celebrate and made our own rangoli patterns and diva lamps. The children asked some brilliant questions and we thought about how the celebrations might be slightly different this year but how people would still celebrate. I have put some photos on the website!

Hot cross buns

The children had a fantastic time baking hot cross buns on Wednesday. Cooking is such a brilliant skill to learn and involves lots of learning including: weighing, comparing, reading, following instructions, time management and listening skills too. The children worked in small teams with Mrs White and worked brilliantly! We saw lots of pictures of the children enjoying their hot cross bun when they got home...I hope they shared some with you!

Forest School

The children have been to big Forest School over the past few weeks to take part in their NSPCC walk. The site is huge and they have explored it in parts as it's too big for little legs to walk all the way around in one afternoon. The children were excited to compare it to our on-site area and were 'wowed' by its vastness.

3* and a wish

The children's 3* and a wish will be coming home and I will aim to be contacting you at points throughout the coming weeks. If you have any questions/concerns/worries please ask as this will be the best opportunity. We are aiming to stick to 10 minute slots but I can always ring again!