

Foundation Newsletter Issue 5

Let's Celebrate!



Last week in our Play Project, we thought about what it means to be thankful and why it is important to be thankful for the good things and people in our lives. The children each thought of things they were grateful for and explored different ways of showing their gratitude to someone. They made cards, wrote messages and even made biscuits to share with someone to say thank you - hopefully some of you actually received these!

This week, our focus has been on celebrating birthdays and how the way we celebrate compares to others around the world. The children have loved making presents, playdough birthday cakes and birthday cards. Coupled with our visit and drawing masterclass from author, Simon Murray, it has certainly been a creative couple of weeks and they have loved every minute!



Phonics

This week has been an exciting week, with the children being introduced to our new sounds j, v, w, x and y. We have also revisited the sounds r, f, b, f/ff and l/ll. We have continued to consolidate our understanding and recognition of rhyme, as well as continuing to work on the segmenting and blending of CVC words. The children are all doing SO well and it so lovely to see their progress in phonics, through both their reading and writing. We have also loved seeing the practice many of the children have been doing at home through the sharing of their green books. Thank you so much to all of you for your continued support at home in this area it really is hugely appreciated and of course invaluable.



Maths

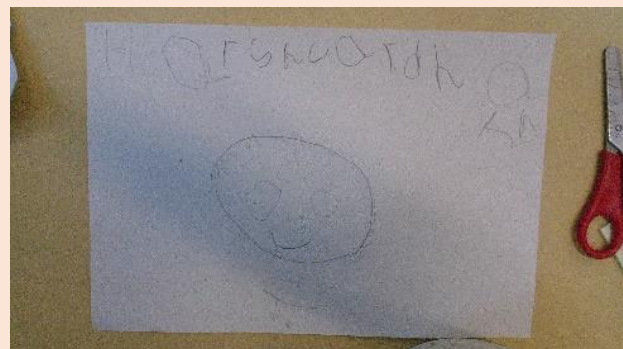
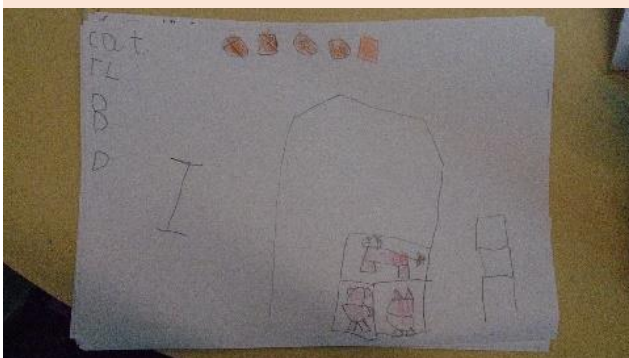
In Maths, we have been using the language of **equal**, **altogether**, **one more than**, **one less than** and **the same**, when counting within 10. The children have also been learning that the 'stopping number' tells us how many we need altogether and that changing the formation of objects doesn't change how many there are. This week, we have moved our focus to recognising 2 dimensional shapes (did you know a square is actually a special rectangle?) as well as placing events in time order. We would be very grateful if you could continue to support the children at home with their counting skills. Count and everything as often as you can!! Encourage the children to touch or move objects as they count to ensure accuracy.



Drawing Club

Last week in Drawing Club, we read the story 'The Elephant and the Bad Baby'. The children had great fun imagining the mischief they would get up to with the elephant if they too were a bad baby! The book also introduced the children to some fabulous new vocabulary, including stretch, gallop, rude and delicious, which you may have seen coming home on one of our 'word-wearer' stickers.

This week, we have returned to one of our 'time out of joint' stories which the children always enjoy. This time, we watched an episode of Danger Mouse, called 'Happy Boom Day!'. The children could not believe that one of the characters, Baron Greenback, hates celebrating birthdays! There was disbelief all round!



Home Learning

If for any reason your child has to self-isolate or cannot get to school as a result of COVID-19, there are Home Learning resources available for you to access on DB Primary. These are updated every Monday in line with our week's learning in school and will continue to be so until we can get past the pandemic.

Trip to the Pantomime

Just a reminder that we have our trip to the Corn Exchange to see 'Cinderella' on Wednesday 1st December. The performance begins at 10 a.m. and we will be walking into town from school. We will return to school in time for lunch, although it may be slightly later than usual.



Christmas Performance

Thank you to you all for practising the lines for our Christmas play at home with your child. They are all doing so well – now we just need to encourage a bit more volume! Please could all costumes for our be brought into school, in a named bag, by Monday 6th December. If you have any further questions about what they need to wear, do come and ask us. Hopefully the children are helping to get you into the Christmas spirit with their singing at home!!

Thank you again for all your ongoing support and please remember that we are always available both before and after school to chat.



Warmest Wishes, The FS2 Team