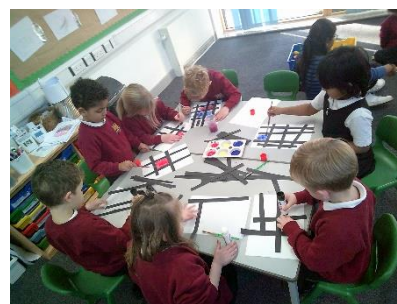


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Piet Mondrian

This week, we have looked at the artwork of **Piet Mondrian**. Mondrian used bold black lines to create squares and rectangles. He then used primary colours to fill in the spaces, often adding white or black in order to create darker or lighter shades. The children each created their own piece of art based on Mondrian's style. They all showed such fabulous focus and the end results were an explosion of colour and shape.



Phonics

The children have begun to make real progress with their segmenting and blending to read and spell over the last few weeks. We have introduced them to using magnetic letters on small whiteboards and they have been using these to make three letter words. It is so exciting to begin to see things clicking into place for both them and us!



Drawing Club

The children all loved our Drawing Club sessions on '**The Elephant and the Bad Baby**' by **Elfrida Vipont**. They loved following our new whole school approach to story-telling '**Talk for Writing**, which uses story maps and symbols to help them build and remember a story structure and sequence. We hope the children have been showing you all that they have learned.

Maths

In Maths, we have continued to consolidate the children's understanding of numbers to five. The children have practised recognising five represented in a variety of ways and have begun to understand that five can be split into two or more parts. Alongside this, they have consolidated their understanding that even when a group of objects is rearranged, the amount stays the same. You could help practise at home. Counting games are lots of fun. You could try counting out the cutlery or how many plates you need at dinner time.

Getting Performance Ready!

We have begun to get ready for our Christmas Performance and hopefully you have had a sneak preview with their practice at home. We are looking forward to sharing this with you very soon!!



Dates for your diary...

28th Nov - St Mary's Church visit

29th November – Show and Tell Day £1 voluntary donation

7th December – Christmas Jumper Day

8th Dec- SMILE session 1:30 – 3p.m

15th Dec - 'Winter Wonderland' Performance to parents

19th Dec- Foundation Stage Christmas Party

Please can you ensure that your child comes to school with a warm coat each day and that all belongings are named. We are finding we have an increasing collection of unnamed items that are difficult to pair up with their owners.

Thank you for all the wonderful support you continue to give in consolidating our learning.

With warmest wishes for a wonderful weekend

The FS2 Winchcombe Team x