



We have been very creative in Reception this past half term! We have been learning about Diwali and made our own clay 'diya' lamps as well as painting and printing fireworks to celebrate Diwali the festival of light.



We have been enjoying our P.E lessons in the hall and in the Willow garden. We have been learning to stretch and use our muscles to improve our gross motor skills. We have also learned to listen carefully to instructions and played small movement games.



We have had a focus on fine motor strengthening activities in our classroom, to make our finger muscles stronger to help us grip our pencils and improve our handwriting and letter formation.

Wow, Reception have settled to school life so well.

In English over the course of this half term, we have read and talked about so many fantastic books over the course of this half term. We loved 'The Squirrels who squabbled' and used this text to pick out some challenging vocabulary and talk about sharing and turn taking in our setting. We also loved the story of 'Pumpkin soup'. The children really enjoyed exploring pumpkins, baking pumpkin seed bread, pretending to be the characters, cat, duck and squirrel. We had a visitor from the local library who read new books to the children. Each week we have written words about our stories, listening for the first sound in a word we want to spell and writing it down we have also spoken lots about the key vocabulary that we have picked out. The children are really enjoying learning phonics and you can see them applying phonics when they read words and try to write words too.

In PSHE, we have learnt about ourselves and our feelings. We have learnt that we all feel happy, sad, upset and even cross sometimes and that when we do we can use the deep breathing that we have learnt. It also helps to use our words and talk to someone when we feel like this. We are also focusing on why it is good to share when we play with one another and this is how we can make friends.

In RE, we have learnt about God's world and how he created everything in it. We collaged things we saw on our nature walk that God made. We are also learning about Baptism and visited church to look at the font and holy water and what would happen during a baptism.