



Joshua for being a Go for it Gorilla! He has tried lots of different activities in school this week and we are very Proud Peacocks.

Message from Mrs Grainger

We had a lovely Harvest Festival this week, thank you so much to the readers and to Mrs Miles for arranging this. A great big thank you for all the food donations that we will shortly be taking to the Lichfield Food Bank – your generosity is greatly appreciated.

You may have heard in the news this week, that the new Secretary of State for Education (Nadhim Zahawi) has made clear, young people regularly attending school is a national priority and is important for their education, wellbeing, and long-term development. He upholds that attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. Schools can only grant leaves of absence in exceptional circumstances. If a leave of absence is agreed, it will only be for a specific period of time. We will consider all applications for leave of absence on an individual basis taking into account the specific facts and circumstances, and relevant background context behind the request. It is important to acknowledge that taking a pupil out of school during term time disrupts their learning and it may cause them to fall behind in their learning. Parents who choose to take an unauthorised holiday or leave of absence must accept that this will have an adverse effect on their child's educational achievement and the school may ask the Local Authority to issue a fixed penalty fine where an unauthorised holiday has been taken. We work together with local authority staff, attendance support workers, and local health services (including GPs and school nurses) to reassure families and ensure as many pupils are attending school as possible.

Message from Reception

This week in Reception we have been continuing 'Exploring Autumn'. We have been learning about hibernation and sorting animals by whether they hibernate or not. In maths, we are practicing our counting by matching objects to the correct numeral. This week we had a visit from Mrs Dennis who came to see us whilst we were doing our RE lesson. She was very impressed with our knowledge of weddings and loved seeing us learning in our continuous provision activities. In Jigsaw, we have been talking about gentle hands and reminding ourselves that we need to use words instead of our hands when we are feelings cross or upset.

Message from Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been continuing our 'Exploring Autumn' topic and the children have been copying photographs of Autumn animals and painting some fabulous pictures. We have been exploring pumpkins and squashes, and chopping them up to count the seeds that we find. We predicted which pumpkins would have the most seeds and which would have the least.

We have been talking about weddings in RE, and some of the children shared their experiences of going to a wedding. Mrs. Rigby brought her parents' 60 year old wedding album in to show the children. It looked very old!

We start our new theme 'Once Upon A Time' on Tuesday 2nd November. Please could Reception and Nursery children come into school dressed as a fairy tale character on that day. Thankyou.

This week in Nursery:



This week in Reception:



