



Easter Service

Before half term the children worked really hard to create an Easter Service. I think everyone who attended would agree that all the children, throughout the school, worked really hard to create a very poignant, thought provoking and at times tear jerking service. It was so lovely to see all the children really engaged in the service and singing their little hearts out. A special thank you to Kayla and Isabella for their beautiful solos. I was extremely proud of all of you.

Next week in Reception

Next week our main focus will be around the book "The Wind in the Willows". We are going to get to know the characters in the story and will be doing lots of talk for writing leading into writing our own short stories. The children are going to continue learning about the habitats of the animals in the story and we will be doing some scientific investigations. In our art lessons, Mrs Morris will be teaching the children all about using the right colours for a purpose for example using pink for a pig and green for grass.

Our maths lessons are going to be fun and interactive with the children beginning to think about halving and doubling to 10. We will be baking and sharing our cakes and will be cooking pizzas and cutting them into halves and quarters.

Homework

Your child has been sent home with a set of sounds that I would like them to practise over the weekend along with some high frequency words. For their maths homework I would like you to discuss with your child the concept of halving and doubling. Whilst eating you could discuss sharing and physically halve items of food.

This Week in Reception

It has been a great start back to school this week. The children have all enjoyed telling their class friends all about their Easter holidays and they have enjoyed writing about what adventures they have been up to. It was really lovely to see the children enthused in retelling the Easter story and many of the children who went egg rolling at Avenham Park remembered the symbolism behind this tradition.

This week has been all about revising and revisiting the skills that were taught before Easter. The children have been recapping on all of the sounds that have previously been taught and in maths we have been looking at the numbers 0-20 in more detail. Some children have been beginning to think about addition and subtraction sums to 20 and it has been great teaching the children this new skill.

The children have been introduced to our new topic for the term "The Wind in the Willows". The children have all enjoyed writing character descriptions for the Mole in the story. In our science lessons we have been thinking about habitats. The children explored our field and thought about the animals that we might find on there. It was great seeing the children use their imaginations, thinking about imaginary fairies and mythical creatures they have seen.

Notices

It is our trip to Brockholes Nature Reserve next **Wednesday** and we are all really looking forward to getting out and exploring the great outdoors. Please can all children come to school with their school t-shirt and jumper/cardigan on. Sensible trousers would be recommended and a waterproof jacket. We have spare waterproof trousers and coats in school if anyone hasn't got any. Please can all children also wear wellington boots or walking boots as many of the activities will be based outdoors. We will be having lunch whilst at Brockholes so please also send your child to school with a packed lunch in a named disposable bag. Please do not send any sweets or fizzy drinks. I will upload all of our lovely pictures onto seesaw when we return.