

# Outcomes and events for Autumn Term: Myself and Others and Celebrations

We brought in a special toy and showed it to the whole class. It was very exciting to tell everybody all about our toy and why it is so special. We spoke in front of the whole class and focussed on using a clear, confident voice.

To celebrate the end of being part time at school we had a special graduation ceremony! We all came up to the front of the class to receive our certificate. We felt very proud!

As part of our weekly theme about our homes we made fabulous houses from recycled cereal boxes. We painted them with textured paint and decorated them together. We can't wait to see what they will look like when they have been displayed on our classroom wall!



We learn all about different celebrations in other cultures and countries. We especially love learning about Diwali. We have fun making clay diwa lamps and even have henna painted on our hands, it looks so beautiful!



We love learning about the artist Jackson Pollock and have so much fun creating 'firework' inspired art work. We make small firework pictures by dipping marbles into poster paint and then rolling them across black paper. We also make a large scale 'Jackson Pollock' style picture outside by flicking paint onto a giant roll of paper.

During the last weeks of this term we rehearse very hard for the fabulous Nativity production. We learn all the words to the songs and play the important role of the choir. We really love performing in two shows to all of the parents and to the school.



# Outcomes and events for Spring Term: Local Environment and Colour and Pattern

As part of our topic about the Local Environment we enjoy visiting the postbox to post a letter. We learn how to neatly address an envelope and then write a simple letter to post to our mummy's and daddy's. It is so exciting when the letter arrives through the letterbox!

As part of our Colour and Pattern topic we enjoy colour mixing and learning about primary and secondary colours. We all explore the primary colours and what happens when we mix them together, finally we create an accurate colour wheel by mixing poster paints.

We really enjoy taking part in the whole school Arts Week project. We create large scale materpieces in small groups with adult support and our entire focus in freeflow is of creative activities. We are looking forward to finding out what fabulous pieces of art we will create this year!



As part of our topic about the Local Environment we complete a transport survey on Whiteheart Lane! We learn how to record our results in a simple tally chart and then discuss what we have found out. It is so much fun see all of the different coloured cars and motorcycles!

Whilst learning about colours and patterns in different cultures and countries, we learn about the Hindu festival of Holi. We are allowed to come into school dressed in messy clothes and have our own Holi Festival. This involves sprinkling powder paint on one another and having so much fun!



At the end of our week learning about musical patterns, we perform an XFactor style concert in the amphitheatre. We really love dressing up and showing everybody the songs and dance routines we have learnt!



# Outcomes and events for Summer Term: Living Things and Lifecycles and Holidays and Journeys

To begin our topic on Living Things and Lifecycles we visit the pond on the Key Stage 2 Playground. It is so much fun hunting for and collecting frogspawn. Once we have put the frogspawn in the tank in Reception, we love to watch it change and develop and finally observe the tadpoles change into frogs!

We love learning all about dinosaurs and replies during our Living Things and Lifecycles topic, one of most exciting trips is visiting the Natural History Museum! It is so exciting seeing the giant dinosaur bones and the moving model of the T-Rex!



As part of our Living things and Lifecycles topic we have real living eggs in our classroom. The eggs arrive in a black taxi in an incubator! Then we watch the eggs hatch and the chicks grow, it is magical! We learn how to handle the chicks gently and how to feed and look after them as they grow.



As part of a whole school design and technology project we design and make bird feeders from wood and otehr materials and then display them in our outdoor environment. We learn about the different types of garden birds, make bird hides and do birdwatching

During our topic on journeys, we learn about the differences between hot and cold countries. When we are learning about cold countries we have a special visitor come in and teach us how to draw simple animations. We love learning how to draw eskimos and penguins the best!

It is fun to learn about the creatures that live in the sea. We focus on 3 main types: The creatures that live in rock pools, coral reefs and the deep sea. We even make 3 dimensional models of the different sea creatures we have learnt about and then we display them in our 'beach' role play area.

