

What we have enjoyed this week ...

This week, our theme has been 'birthdays'. On Monday, the children began creating their 'Curiosity Cloud' to guide their learning for the week and have since enjoyed taking part in a range of birthday themed activities.



During exploration time, the children had the opportunity to plan and hold parties in the 'Home Area'. They also enjoyed creating birthday cards, wrapping up different boxes with old pieces of wrapping paper and exchanging these with their friends.

On Wednesday, the children listened to the story of 'Happy Birthday Royal Baby' by Martha Mumford. During the story, the Royal Baby gets given lots of very exciting presents, but the gift that he likes the most is an empty cardboard box. The children in Class Reception thought about different things that the royal baby could create with his box and 'had a go' at working together to produce their own imaginary creations using cardboard boxes.

Today, everyone has enjoyed taking part in our 'Strictly Come Dancing' competition as dancers, judges and enthusiastic members of the audience! The competition encouraged the children to develop their confidence performing, and also gave them the opportunity to practise writing and reading numbers as they presented and read, the scores.

Phonics Parent Workshop

There will be a Phonics workshop for parents on Monday 21st November. The workshop will provide you with more information about how we teach phonics. Phonics enables children to begin to read and write. This will enable you to support your child in their reading and writing activities at home.

Come and See

Our 'Come and See' for this half term will be on Tuesday 13th December at 1.30pm. Parents and carers are invited to come into school to experience the activities and learning which the children have completed this half term. Please sign in at the main entrance on arrival at school. The children will present some of the topics explored in class and there will be an opportunity to engage in a range of activities with your child. Please do not worry if you cannot attend due

to other commitments. We always ensure that all children have the opportunity to work with an adult.

Homework

For homework, I would like the children to practise their songs for the nativity performance. They brought a copy of these home last week. I would also like the children to practise singing ***Away in a Manger***, as this is the carol that they will be singing at the end of the performance. You will find a copy of this in your child's wallet.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hope