

Dear Parents,

What we have been up to ...

It was lovely to see everybody at Parents' Evening this week and have the opportunity to speak about the fantastic start that the children have made to school life. I can't quite believe that we are at the end of the first half term already!

This week, we have been thinking about how everyone in Class Reception is unique and special. On Monday, the children listened to the true story about the life of Pablo Picasso. They discovered that Picasso was interested in painting from being a young boy and that his dad had taken him to a museum, where he had been inspired by the works of art he had seen. The children learnt that Picasso did not want to make pictures exactly like the ones he had seen other people painting. Picasso came up with his own unique style. The children enjoyed creating their own Picasso style collages, experimenting with positioning shapes in different places to create their own collage portrait pictures.

The children enjoyed sharing their learning from over the course of this half term during our Come and See Session on Tuesday. They have worked so hard and learnt so much already. They all thoroughly deserved their special 'Rainbow Party' and played lots of different games with their friends.

During Mrs Ashworth's Magical Story Time, the children enjoyed listening to the story 'Part of the Party'. In the story, Karla the Koala finds out that there are lots of different types of family in her community, and that all the families need to be invited to a special party. The children then thought about how all families are different and special.

This half term, the children have really impressed us with their eagerness to learn and try new skills. In order to enable them to access all areas of learning, children need to feel confident in changing for the outdoors and PE. So that the children can practise this important skill, we have sent home PE kits and waterproofs. Please encourage your child to practise changing and explore ways in which they can make these tasks more manageable. (For example, leaving their waterproofs zipped up at the bottom, or turning their top the right way around, when they take it off.)

Toast Money

If you would like your child to receive toast next half term, please ensure that you have paid for this using ParentPay.

Homework

When we return to school, after the half term holiday, we will be taking part in a whole school history week. In Class Reception, we will be thinking about the history of Edenfield CE Primary School. For homework, I would like the children to find out one fact about the history of our school. If they know anyone who attended the school in the past, they could conduct an interview to find out more, just like real life historians! If the children do not know someone who attended Edenfield School in the past, maybe they could ask a grown-up that they know what school was like when they were little.

Over the half term holiday, I would also like the children to share their 'All About Me' learning diaries, identifying work that they are proud of and activities that they have enjoyed during their first few weeks in Class Reception. They can work on their targets, read their readings books and get out and about to enjoy the fresh air. (I am hoping for fine weather!) Please return learning diaries after the half term holidays.

Have a lovely half term.

Mrs Hope

