

Reception Class Learning Blog – Spring Term – Week 12

Friday 31st March 2023

We have completed the final week of the Spring Term. We are now two-thirds of the way through Reception and edge ever closer to Year 1. This term has been extremely busy and we are definitely ready for a holiday!

This week, we have been learning about the Christian Festival of Easter. Together, we read the Easter Story and learnt that on Palm Sunday, Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem to jubilant cries of “Hosanna!” from the crowds as they waved their palms in the air. We too made our own palms and learnt a song entitled, *We have a King who rides a Donkey.*

We learnt that Jesus had a very special meal with his friends called The Last Supper, where he broke bread and shared wine. We also discovered that Judas, a friend of Jesus’ was given money to go against Jesus. We found out that this led to the events of Good Friday, where we talked about how Jesus had been bullied and how this might have made him feel. Sadly, we learnt that Jesus died on the cross, but because he was the Son of God, he came back to life again on Sunday. We understood that this is called the Resurrection and the reason why Easter is celebrated on a Sunday.

We made wonderful Easter Baskets to celebrate Jesus being alive and the symbol of new beginnings and took part in our very own class Easter Egg Hunt, where we had to help one another to find our own special Easter egg.

We completed our Fire Fighters learning during Talk4Writing this week.

We learnt that besides putting out fires, fire fighters also help during accidents, for example, by cutting people out of cars. They also assist in the community by checking that places of work and schools are following fire safety expectations. We were intrigued to find out that Fire Fighters also visit people in the community to help them with their smoke alarms and lead talks about the job that they do.

We took the opportunity to walk around the school to see where we could identify examples of fire safety equipment, such as fire alarm points, fire extinguishers and fire exits.

We also learnt about The Great Fire of London, which happened on Sunday 2nd September 1666. We learnt that it started in the baker’s shop in Pudding Lane and spread very quickly because the buildings were made of wood and built close together. We learnt that there were no Fire Fighters then, so people had to make a line and pass a leather bucket back and forth to put the fire out. This took a very long time. The following year in 1667 saw the establishment of the Fire Service in London to prevent such a huge fire breaking out again.

We also compared some of the equipment used by Fire Fighters in the past and learnt that fire engines looked like carriages with ladders attached to them and that these were pulled by horses.

We were really please that advances in technology have allowed Fire Fighters to use thermal imaging cameras and oxygen tanks and masks to help find and rescue people quickly from a fire.

Our Summer Term Show & Tell Group Rota is as follows:

Date	Group
Mo 24-04-2023	Butterflies
Mo 15-05-2023	Honey Bees
Mo 22-05-2023	Orchids
Mo 12-06-2023	Red Kites
Mo 19-06-2023	Woodpeckers
Mo 26-06-2023	Butterflies
Mo 03-07-2023	Honey Bees
Mo 10-07-2023	Orchids
Mo 17-07-2023	Red Kites
Tu 18-07-2023	Woodpeckers

We look forward to hearing about the interesting items brought in by each group on Monday afternoons during Show and Tell. These will be housed in the Show & Tell box to keep them safe throughout the day.

Congratulations to our Star of the Week certificate recipients:

- ❖ George, for showing kindness to our musical chair dancers, by making play dough biscuits, "just in case they get hungry."
- ❖ Jenson, for listening carefully during T4W and sharing information about Fire Fighters.

Our Writer of the Week certificate goes to:

- ❖ Aydin, for making a list of ingredients for vegetable soup by himself.

We would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone for the support you have given us throughout the term - for helping us in class, listening to your children reading, practising letter formation skills, encouraging your children to always be ready to learn, for collecting box construction materials for us and much, much more. We simply couldn't do our job without your partnership.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Well done Reception Class! Have a lovely Easter Holiday everybody. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 18th April 2023, for our next learning adventure.

With every best wish,
Mrs Dowling & Miss Ingleby