

Reception Learning Bulletin 7th November 2025

This week Apple class have explored November 5th (Bonfire Night) and were introduced to November 11th (Remembrance Day) creatively, through stories, rhymes, writing, discussion and artwork. The children have shown curiosity and were keen to participate in activities such as painting to create Catherine wheel fireworks, exploring shapes to create firework rockets and using coloured chalks to write a variety of letter sounds. The children all produced a beautiful poppy and two big poppy wreaths were created which will be displayed at school next week.

The children were keen to hear the last two 'Super Learning Power' stories The Crow and the Pitcher – which represents 'Resourcefulness' and The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister – which represents 'Reflection' (Learning from our mistakes).

The children have thought about the things that they are good at and that we can all be good at different things.

The children enjoyed learning this week's Jolly Phonics sounds; Gg, Oo, Uu and, Ll and have been practising their blending skills to read 3 and 4 letter words.

The mathematical skills explored this week have been counting numbers to 3, circles and patterns (repeating patterns) which the children have enjoyed exploring very much and displayed a good understanding of.

Our Poem of the week 'Toenails' by Julia Donaldson was amusing! Take a look and enjoy sharing it together at home.

In P.E. this half term the children are practising early gymnastics skills which involves travelling in different ways, using animal movements as a starting point

The Woodpecker group brought home a golden ticket this week to inform their families that their Show and Tell will be next Friday.

Well done Apple Class – a fantastic first week back!

Here are some home learning ideas;

- Enjoy the new phonics activities that have come home today
- Go on a circle hunt – how many circles can you spot at home or on a walk? Think about why the circles might be different sizes
- Talk about Remembrance Day and why poppies are worn
- Discuss the different things that your family members are good at

Leo's Challenge!

Support and guide your child's independence by encouraging them to try to put on and take off their school jumper/cardigan, attempt buttons and to put on and do up their coat – Really good progress!

Please remember to bring a named coat to school every day.