

Southminster C of E Primary School's Newsletter Friday 3rd November 2023

Bible Quote of the Week

Proverbs 8.10-11: Accept instruction and not silver, knowledge rather than pure gold; for wisdom is better than red coral - no jewels can match her.



Thank you to everybody who donated to the Go Fund Me page set up by Gemma Rayfield. You all raised £256 which is to be used to buy toys and games for the playground at break and lunchtimes.

EYFS

This week, we have made a class collage showcasing how we see our community. We have also started to look at Hanukkah and we made our own Hanukkiah. We have enjoyed looking at Pass the Jam, Jim and have written simple sentences using initial sentences as well as exploring materials to paint on.



KS1

This week Year 1 have been learning about shapes. We went on a shape hunt around the school. We found lots of shapes. We even made our own shapes using sticks and leaves!

KS2

Year 3 and 4 have done a lot of computing when researching about electricity this week. We looked at how to copy and paste, change the font and colour of text and even used the snipping tool to snip pictures of electricity and paste it into a PowerPoint document. We learnt how to save our computer work. All classes worked in small groups to apply their computer knowledge to produce a PowerPoint about electricity. The children had lots of fun with their work.



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In Friday's Outdoor Learning session, the children in Rosa Parks discussed the seasons and different types of trees (deciduous and evergreen).

We discussed why leaves fell from the trees in Autumn and how they renew for the Spring. We also looked at the incredible striations on different types of tree bark and we spoke about lichen.

The children then discussed Andy Goldsworthy and his art and collected natural materials to make their own artworks. We even constructed our own fairy grotto which went into a tree. Apparently, fairies live in one particular tree!



In year 5/6 we have now started our new topic looking at the question - "How did Britain win the war?" We have been building on our knowledge that we have gained so far this term and are now looking at how sources can help us learn further, plus comparing different historical events. These included the Battle of Britain, the Blitz and D Day. We also started the week with the children dressing up as evacuees, with their home-made gas mask boxes. They really looked the part! In maths we have started to look at angles and measuring for accuracy. We continue with reading *Goodnight Mr Tom* and applying our skills to answer a variety of questions about it. For RE, we finished our topic of "Is believing in God reasonable?" by writing up our recount of when Reverends Peter and Jacqui came in to talk about their beliefs.

Reminders

Parents' Evening: You will have had a reply slip giving you the time of your appointment with your child's class teacher for a parent/teacher consultation on Tuesday 7th or Wednesday 8th November. After school Clubs will have been cancelled for these days.

Children in Need: This will be on Friday 17th November and we will be asking the children to dress in a 'spotty and sporty' theme and take part in the Pudsey Bearpees Challenge.

Names on Uniform: Please check that your child has his/her name in all clothing. This can be as simple as being written on the label with a biro.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Woods and all the staff at Southminster C of E Primary School