Squirrels Class Round-up

This term started with the children getting very excited about making pancakes and eating them! We discussed why people celebrate Pancake Day and the Christian beliefs behind it. Each child was asked to cut their pancake in half before they put on their topping choice. We also cut the lemons in half for some fun squeezing. We had a wonderful time, measuring, pouring, whizzing and reading the ingredients. The children knew all about how to keep themselves safe and healthy whilst cooking. In the kitchen, Mrs Martin was doing the pancake cooking but enjoyed talking to the children about the pancake mix (liquid) changing into a pancake (solid). They enjoyed the whole process and learned a lot during the morning of cooking. Their behaviour was exceptional and it was a thoroughly enjoyable time for all.

In maths, we have been learning to find half of shapes and objects. We have been doing this with concrete resources throughout the continuous provision and in small groups. We have been doubling objects and numbers, and the children now recognise that in order to double you have to add the same amount. We've had so much fun bowling and doubling the score! We have been looking at coins, the value of money and opened a class shop.

In literacy, we have been learning the story "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" in the style of Pie Corbett. They have been role-playing on the construction, making bridges outside and re-enacting the story and have performed it to an audience. The children have made their own story maps and some children have written the story in their own words. Alongside this, we have read lots of traditional tales which the children have been enjoying.

In science, we are starting our growing topic and beginning to prepare the outdoor area for our plants and have started planting seeds. We have made a greenhouse to start growing all our plants. It's too cold to put them outside at the moment, especially as we've had such cold weather. We have chitting potatoes, runner beans, flowers, daffodils blooming, the peas have started and we are noticing new growth around us as the season begins to change. The children have written instructions on how to plant a seed. As part of our science we have been making observations of the tadpoles in our class, and have been watching them grow and change. The children now know the life cycle of a frog and have written the most amazing recounts of the life cycle.

In our SCARF learning, we have been thinking of how we can look after other people's feelings and help at home. In the classroom, we have been making signs for our classroom responsibilities. We have been looking at ways to take care of our environment, litter picking, recycling, growing plants and our new food waste bins around school. The children have been looking at ways to have a positive impact on their environment, picking up rubbish, collecting water for plants, recycling and reusing paper, keeping areas tidy and genuinely knowing they can make a change to their class environment.

In RE this term, we have been learning about Easter and its links to new life. We have listened to the Easter story and know that Christians believe that Jesus was resurrected to have a new life in heaven as the Son of God. We have looked at how eggs are a symbol of this for Christians and what Easter means for us.

The children are all working hard in phonics and writing more every day. Their confidence in writing means they are able to write more independently and I love that they are brave enough to do so. They are now reading longer words, reviewing tricky words and enjoying class stories.

In PE, we have enjoyed dance in the hall and invasion games and multi-skills with Miss Haynes outside.

Best wishes

Mrs Hudgell