



Weekly Review

16th November 2012



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Thank you so much to everyone who has supported us in our fundraising efforts today for 'Children in Need.' The children have really enjoyed being involved in organising the collections, spotty clothes and cake sales. We will let you know our total early next week when all the monies raised have been counted.

Have a lovely weekend.

Literacy

This week the children have been enchanted by following the story of 'The Magic Paintbrush'.

The children listened to and then helped retell the Julia Donaldson version of this traditional Chinese tale. The children retold the story by adding hand gestures and movements to help remember key information. Practising the story helped to give structure to writing a story map, drawing out the main events in the tale.

The children were inspired by the idea in the story that everything Shen painted came to life. The children shared their ideas about what they would paint and all listened and remembered well.



Numeracy



This week in Maths we have concentrated on the skills of measuring various items using non-standard units such as multi-link and standards units such as centimetres and metres. Some of the children went on a measuring walk trying to find objects longer and shorter than their pencil. During one session the children worked in groups and looked for leaves and sticks of varying lengths around the school. They then enjoyed measuring them to see who found the longest leaf!



Enrichment Curriculum



Class Hazel were excited to discover that the Blogg family have continued their travels around the world and are now in Beijing, China. They are finding it quite a contrast to their stay in Kenya. We enjoyed watching some film clips of what life is like in a school in Beijing - we saw some Chinese phonics in action and some early morning exercise classes!

The children enjoyed looking at some Chinese water colour art and experimenting with different techniques. We also made some Chinese lanterns which we will use to add to the display in our class Travel Agency! We are looking forward to emailing the Blogg family to ask them if they are going to visit the Great Wall of China which we saw on our film clip.

Homework

To measure leaves using centimetres (cm).

(Please return homework to school by next Tuesday 20th November)

Notices

PE Kits - Some PE lessons this half term will be taking place outside. Children will need plimsolls or trainers for all lessons. A pair of jogging bottoms for when it is really cold would be very helpful.

Water Bottles - Could all children please have a named water bottle in school at all times.

Book Fair - Thank you to everyone who visited our school book fair which was very well supported.

Best wishes
Mrs Daniels and Mrs Seymour