



Early Years Foundation Stage 2019-20

We aim to create a safe and happy environment with motivating and enjoyable learning experiences that enable children to become confident and independent. We value the individual child and work alongside parents and others to meet their needs to enable them to reach their full potential. We strive to equip the children with a love of learning and a natural curiosity for the world around them. This summary report highlights some of the enjoyable opportunities and learning experiences that have taken place throughout the Autumn and Spring term 2019-20.

Supporting Learning

Communication and Language

Communication and Language is a key area within the Early Years and we offer daily opportunities for children to improve and develop their communication and language skills. As well as all of the wonderful opportunities that we offer within the classroom environment, children identified as requiring additional language support have also had the opportunity to take part in language intervention groups. The interventions were delivered by trained members of staff and have supported all areas of language development.

World Book Day

The whole school celebrated world book day by creating story boxes at home with their families. In Early Years, the children took part in various fun and creative reading and writing activities with the aim of promoting a love of books and of reading. Children and staff shared their favourite stories with each other.



Loving Week

As part of Loving Week, the children talked about how they could show love to others. They baked heart shaped biscuits and handed them out to staff around school with the aim of making people smile. They also took biscuits home to give to someone they love at home.



After school club

Our Reception team of staff provided an after school club for Reception children with a focus on 'Physical Fun Activities'. All of the children that attended enjoyed the sessions.

Diwali

Early Years children took part in Diwali celebration activities. The children dressed in colourful clothes, listened to the story of Rama and Sita, participated in a Diwali dance, decorated Rangoli patterns and used clay to create their own Diya lamps. The children really enjoyed taking part in a range of learning experiences and showed a great understanding of Diwali.

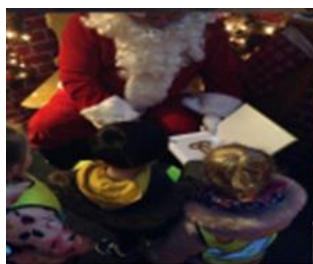


Bonfire Night

Early Years children enjoyed celebrating Bonfire Night by creating lots of artwork, listening to firework music, toasting marshmallows and by making patterns with sparklers.

Trip to Hatton Adventure Park

EYFS children had a fantastic day visiting Hatton Adventure Park's 'Enchanted Christmas Kingdom'. They loved seeing all of the animals, in particular seeing Santa's reindeers. The highlight of their day was meeting Father Christmas. He used his special book to find out who was on the naughty or nice list. Thankfully all of the children were on the nice list so Father Christmas gave them a golden key to unlock the door to Santa's secret toy shop where they got to choose their very own present.



E-Safety

Early Years took part in Safer Internet Day. Nursery children met Smartie the Penguin and read his story about how he stays safe when he goes on his tablet. Reception children explored the different devices they use to go on the internet at home and talked about how they can keep safe.



Parent Partnership

Throughout the year we held a range of meetings and workshops to support parents and carers and inform them about the EYFS curriculum. All of our workshops aimed to help parents and carers to support their child at home. Parents and carers have also had the opportunity to support their child's learning in school.

Welcome to Nursery Workshops

We ran a very successful Welcome to Nursery workshop for parents, to support the transition for their children from home to school. The children had an opportunity to play alongside their teachers and new friends in the Early Years classroom, whilst parents and carers had the opportunity to meet members of staff, get to know other parents and find out a bit more about Early Years.



Nursery Rhyme Workshop

We held a Nursery Rhyme workshop for nursery children and their family members to celebrate National Nursery Rhyme Week. It was a great success and the children enjoyed spending time with their family members singing nursery rhymes and making nursery rhyme props. It was an opportunity to share the importance of children knowing a number of nursery rhymes.



Phonic workshop

We held a very well attended and successful phonic workshop for Reception parents to inform them about how phonics is taught and how they could support their child at home. Feedback from the session was extremely positive with parents/carers stating that they now feel more confident in supporting their child at home. Parents had the opportunity to work with the children during the session and see phonics in action.

Christmas Performance

The children confidently performed their Christmas production 'Mary's knitting' for their families. The children's acting skills, singing and behaviour were excellent.

