Weekly Learning Letter

Year Two

Week commencing 19.10.26

Foundation Subjects



In RE, the children explored their new enquiry question: Why is light an important symbol for Christians, Jews and Hindus? They learnt about the nativity story, Christingles, the story of Hanakkuh, menorahs, Diwali and the story of Rama and Sita.

In geography, the children continued exploring their enquiry question: Why do emperor penguins and polar bears not live in the Sahara Desert? They learnt about the impact human actions are having on polar habitats before creating a written response to their main enquiry question.

The children enjoyed their final swimming lesson this week. Thank you for sending them with their correct kits. The children will be doing PE on Wednesdays and Fridays next half term.

English



This week, the children completed their poetry unit. They started the week by learning the poem The Day the Zoo Escaped by Michaela Morgan and Sue Palmer. They identified notable parts of the poem, before performing the poem, focusing on volume, expression and actions. They then used the poem structure to write their own version of the poem. They added their own adjectives, verbs and adverbs to the poem structure. They then published their poems, focusing on letter formation and handwriting presentation.

Maths



This week, the children continued their addition and subtraction unit. The children learnt to add and subtract ones (e.g. 16+3 or 37-2) and spotted only the ones digit will change. They also learnt to add two one-digit numbers together and cross 10, by making 10 first. We will learn a similar method with subtracting after half term. The children also enjoyed a live lesson with Gareth Metcalf, a mathematician who specialises in reasoning and problem solving.

Phonics & Spelling



This week, the children have completed their Big Spell. Thank you for supporting them in learning their spellings this half term.

Homework



1. *Read every day and record in your reading diary.*
2. *Practise your number bonds, doubles and halves: Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds*