

Anti Bullying Week & Remembrance



This week is Anti Bullying week and Remembrance Day. We will be reading, 'Don't be a Bully Billy' by Phil Roxbee-Cox and having discussions on how to be a good friend.

Literacy

In Literacy we will be continuing to focus on developing careful listening and questioning skills by listening to a variety of stories and information books.

Things to do to help at home:

- Play games like, 'Can You...?' Can you put your hands on your head? Can you jump up and down. Get the children to ask you too.
- Can you and your child think of any rhyming pairs? What rhymes with hat? Explain that rhyming words have the same end sound i.e. m-at and c-at.
- Encourage your child to respond to and follow instructions.
- Encourage your child to ask questions with a variety of 'starters' e.g. who, what, where, why, how and then to listen carefully to the answer.
- Help your child to hold a pencil effectively, using a tripod grip, during mark making.
- Play listening games - hide an object behind your back i.e. a set of keys, bells etc. Can your child recognise the sound? .
- Practise recognising familiar voices, tunes, humming to music.

We will continue to learn our Christmas songs for our Christmas concert.

One of our songs will be Twinkle Twinkle with Makaton signs. Here is the link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wah6_bc9bk

Maths

We will be talking about and identifying patterns around us. For example, stripes on clothes.

Things to do to help at home:

- Go on a pattern hunt around your home and see if you can find a matching pattern.
- Continue to provide opportunities for your child to count by rote, forwards and backwards.
- Sing counting songs.
- Continue to encourage your child to recognise numbers to 5.
- Provide opportunities for your child to count out groups of items e.g. "Can you get me 4 forks" when laying the table.
- Use puzzles & games.

Understanding the World:

The children will be painting and decorating their Diya lamps this week using colourful paints and lots of glitter!

Also this week...

On Tuesday we will be learning about the importance of Remembrance Day. We will watch a short child friendly animation about why we use poppies.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/poppies>

The children will then work together to create their own class poppy wreath using cake cases to remember our fallen soldiers. Keep an eye on Class Dojo to see our final creation!

On Wednesday the children are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate our uniqueness. The children will be learning about how words can be as hurtful as actions.