

Dear Parent/Carers,

In our Literacy lessons this week, we have focused on using adjectives to describe our own soft toy. We have also used conjunctions to extend our sentences: **and, but, so, because**. Next week, we will continue reading stories with familiar settings by sharing the book 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' by Judith Kerr.

The spelling focus for this week has been homophones (words that sound the same but are spelt differently). It is important that we know the meaning of each spelling and choose the correct one in our writing.

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In Numeracy lessons this week, we have counted forwards and backwards, crossing tens and hundreds. The children have learnt that 9 is the largest unit number and then we have to reset the units back to 0 and increase the tens digit. Some children have found counting backwards difficult so it would be helpful to do some extra practice at home to make sure they have mastered this. We have also ordered numbers on a number line, thinking carefully about where numbers come between multiples of 10 (e.g. 25 is exactly half way between 20 and 30, 39 is closer to 40 than 30).

In CCL this week, we have put the finishing touches to our portraits of the Queen. The children have worked very carefully and accurately and the final sketches look brilliant. Well done to all of them!

In preparation for Hindus and Sikhs around the world celebrating Diwali in November, we have also learnt, acted and retold the story of Rama and Sita and learnt some tricky vocabulary such as *imprisoned, captured, banished* and *rejoiced*.

In Art, we have created our own Christmas cards which parents and carers will have the opportunity to order later if they wish. The children thoroughly enjoyed creating their own personal design. We hope to be sending the examples home soon so that you can order them in time for the Christmas post.

During ICT lessons, we have been learning to use a programmable robot called 'Roamer'. Working with Mrs Leebetter in the Activity Studio, we have enjoyed creating algorithms to navigate Roamer through obstacle courses.

Finally, thank you for all of the generous donations of food and toiletries to Smart Move for our Harvest Assembly.

Many thanks,
Miss Fiddler, Miss Freeman, Mrs Caine and Mrs Midgley