



YEAR 2 UPDATE



RE:

St Francis Feast Day

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·In R.E this week children have begun to look at Baptism.

- We have thought about the different signs and symbols associated with Baptism.
- Next week, we will be focusing on Saint Benedict and how he helped people in need.

Vocabulary: **Baptism, sacrament, sacred, oil, holy water, shawl, candle**

English

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·We have been applying our skills that we have been learning in English – past tense and conjunctions to write an alternative disaster for the book 'Frog and the stranger'.

We enjoyed using role play to re-enact these.

- Next week, we will be looking at new story and focusing on commands.

Vocabulary: **verbs, conjunctions, describe.**



Maths

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- This week we have continued our place value topic by looking at the different ways we can represent numbers.
- The children regrouped numbers in different ways for example $51 = 40 + 11$
- Next week, we will be ordering and comparing numbers.

Vocabulary: tens, ones, digit, numerals, place value, odd, even, regroup

Important Information

- Thank you for everyone who attended the New to Year 2 meeting, we hope that you found it useful and appreciate your ongoing support.
- St Francis is our patron saint in Year 2, in celebration of his feast day the children can come to school dressed up as their favourite animal on Tuesday 6th October.
- Friday 16th October at 9:15 am we would love for you to come and see our year group assembly. You may have noticed in the leaflet handed out on the parents meeting, if the children could bring in denim jeans or shorts and a white top by Wednesday 7th that would be greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Frankie and Megan 😊





Forest School

We began with a fun action game that develops listening skills through following different verbal instructions and having to switch the action to the opposite of what was said. It was definitely a brain stretcher!

Today our session focused on Mabon which occurs this week. Emma chatted to the children about it using a special Wheel of the Year mat. It is the last celebration in the Wheel of the Year (a cyclical calendar observed in many nature-based spiritual traditions). It marks the Autumn Equinox and is a time when day and night are perfectly balanced. Mabon invites us to focus on gratitude for what the Earth gives us, particularly the abundance of the harvest. With this in mind, the children took part in a nature hunt to gather autumnal resources from the ground and create a Mabon display to celebrate the occasion. Children found crunchy brown leaves, seeds from trees, and fallen hawthorn berries and thought carefully about where to place them.

After this, Emma told them a story called 'The Stars Inside'. It is about a little apple tree who was transfixed by the beauty of the stars and wanted some to hang on his branches. It is a story that encourages children to consider the different seasons and the importance of patience as a quality. At the end, Emma showed the children half an apple and they were amazed to see that the patterns of the seeds make a star shape. Before the children left for their independent play, Carrie went through our 'Be Safe' fire rules as we were having a fire today.

For the rest of the session, there were different Mabon-themed activities available for the children to explore. Some children chose to help Emma prepare the fire and the Poppity Pings (our famous apple treat recipe). They helped measure the ingredients, grated the apple and mixed everything together. They enjoyed watching Emma cook them over the fire and observed the difference in the mixture as it cooked. Other children experimented with the balancing resources we had brought along. Linked to the balance of day and night, children attempted to balance two buckets on scales using different natural objects. Other children used their gross motor skills to try and balance on the wooden planks. Watercolour paints and a variety of autumnal natural objects were available to inspire the children to create their own autumnal scenes. Carrie had brought her special bug encyclopedia today as so many children have shown an interest in bug hunting and children enjoyed looking through the illustrations and reading about certain creatures. Some children returned to a variety of construction and den-building projects. One team learnt about counterbalance with Carrie as they used poles and ropes to create an element of their den. In the afternoon, a child had kindly brought in resources to make special leaf flowers and he supported children in the class to make their own.

At the end of the session, we enjoyed eating the Poppity Pings and Emma taught the children the song 'One by One the Leaves Are Falling'.

