



Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 07.11.22

Term 2 topic- Tell me a story

Our story of the week- The Little Red Hen



We have been very busy this week doing lots of activities around the story of 'The Little Red Hen.'
Ask your children what they have enjoyed doing!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- We continue to be a good friend to everyone and we are trying hard to listen to each other and work as a team. We know we always need to have kind hands and use kind words and remember that at The Elms Primary School we are READY, RESPECTFUL & SAFE. We follow this to make our class and our school a happy and safe place to be.

Communication and Language- After reading 'The Little Red Hen', we chatted about being helpful and we shared what we do to help our families at home. We also had a lively discussion about whether the Little Red Hen was right not to share her bread with the animals, when they had not helped her to make it. The children had strong views on this, and we discussed whether they would share themselves in the same situation!

We are doing brilliantly with our phonics! We are also becoming more confident with blending the sounds Fred tells us. Ask us if we can pinch some regular three letter words on our fingers eg cat, c-a-t.

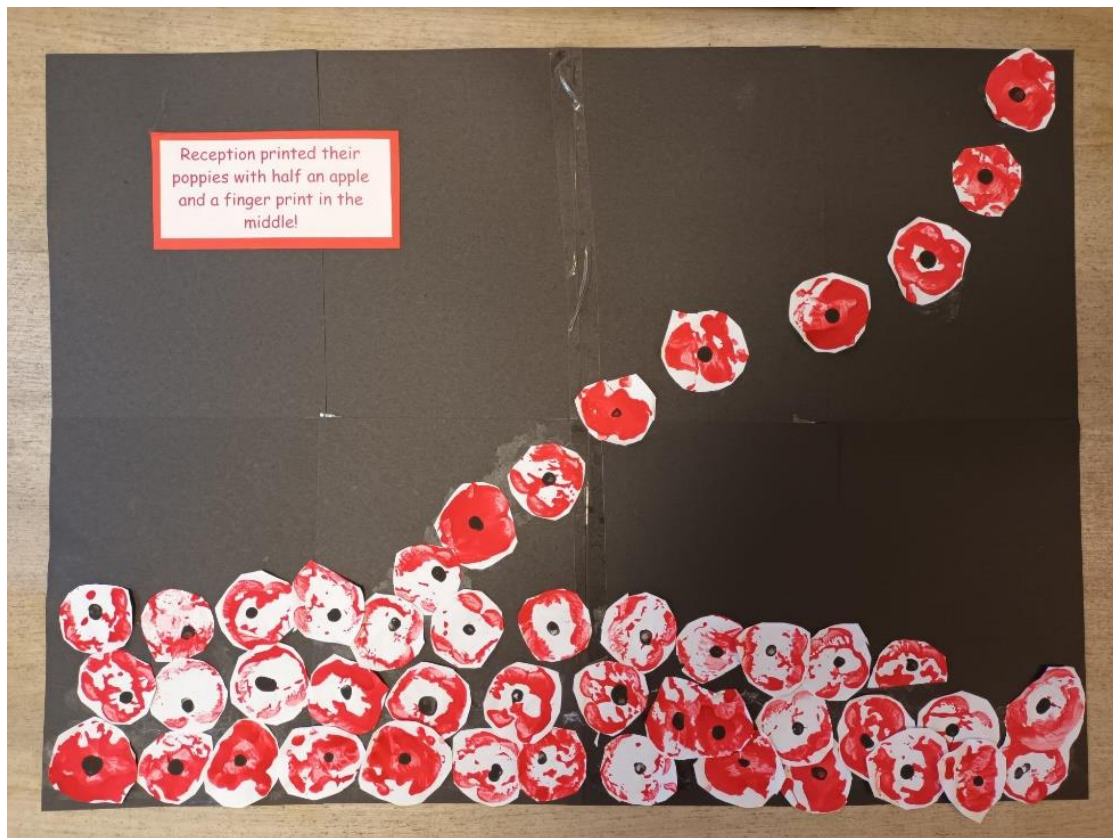
Physical Development- We love being active in Reception at outside time! We enjoy using a variety of equipment on the playground and field, including balance beams, balls, bats and hula hoops. To help develop our fine motor skills and strengthen our fingers for drawing and writing, we have enjoyed a variety of activities. We kneaded and made bread rolls and we loved exploring flour and water; very messy! We still love our 'dough disco' and we know it strengthens our muscles and this helps us with our writing, drawing and playing. We had great fun during our PE session last week. We practised all the different ways of moving we have learned so far and continue to develop and improve these. We now know how important it is to warm up our muscles before we start exercising.

Literacy- We are continuing to learn lots of new sounds to help us to begin reading and writing. This week we learnt 'f', 'e' and 'l'. This week we had a go at writing the names of the characters from The Little Red Hen using our Fred Fingers to sound these words out and write them down. We continue to enjoy looking at a variety of fiction, non-fiction and poetry books and sharing them with our friends. Please don't forget to share your library book with someone at home and remember to bring them back every Monday so we can change them.

Mathematics- Maths is everywhere and it is fantastic to see the children use the apparatus in their free flow playtime. We continue to practise counting in 1s to 30; recognising our numbers to 20; forming our numbers correctly; counting back from 10 to 0 and saying what is one more and one less than a given number. This week we have been concentrating on one less and what it means. We also measured how much water needed to be added to the bread mix and used language such as more and less.

Understanding the World- We loved making bread from the flour the Little Red Hen had left for us. It tasted yummy and some of you even said that 'this was the best day ever!' We learnt about the different kinds of bread people eat around the world and noticed that the breads were different shapes, sizes and colours. Some of us recognised when we had eaten these breads before, for example, baguettes with soup and tortillas in a wrap. We listened to an age-appropriate PowerPoint about Remembrance Day and learnt why it is important to celebrate it.

Expressive Arts and Design- This week we have been very busy on the art table painting, making patterns using the Little Red Hen and printing poppies with half an apple and a black fingerprint in the middle.



We have also enjoyed playing in our tea shop. The children are using lots of amazing language when ordering food and trying to get people into their shop. I have heard lots of please and thank yous which has made me very happy.

Supporting learning at home

- Why not try some different breads at home. How do they taste, feel and smell?
- Challenge your children to do up their coats by themselves and fasten their shoes! We are improving each week. Ask them to show you their superman trick to get their coats on independently!
- Can you spot things beginning with the phonemes we are learning 'f', 'e' and 'l'? Ask your children to tell you the rhyme we learn to help us to write it.

Notes for next week 14.11.22

- Appropriate outdoor wear (coats, hats and gloves) and water bottles to be in school every day, please.
- Remember to bring your library book to school to change on Monday.
- Flu immunisations are happening on Monday.
- Remember Odd Sock Day on Monday for 'Anti bullying week.' We are all unique!
- Children in Need Day is Friday 18th November - Don't forget to wear non-school uniform. We will have a bucket in the classroom for any donations.

Have a lovely weekend!