

Autumn Term in the Owl Class

Wow what a busy first term in school we have had in the Owl Class! We learned the poem *The Owl and the Pussycat*, complete with actions. The Owl and the Pussycat sent us lots of letters and we had lots of adventures with them.



Acting out the poem in the Owl and the Pussycats pea green boat

We have also been exploring our classroom and outside area and discovering all the fun and interesting things that we have available for our learning. We have had some fantastic outdoor learning sessions in Littlewood with Mrs Spicker and Mrs Zagni.



Discovering our classroom



Having fun in Littlewood

Each week we have been answering the register in a different language and learning about that country. We discovered about the Native Americans and made dream catchers. We started corresponding with a kindergarten class in California and learned about what school and life is like in America. We played a didgeridoo and made Aboriginal spot paintings when we learned about Australia. We learned lots of British Sign Language signs. We made and tested our own Niagara Falls when learning about Canada. Tobie's mummy came in to teach us about Slovakia and we sang some traditional Slovakian songs. Oskar's mummy came in too, she taught us about Sweden and made some yummy gingerbread men with us to celebrate the Lucia festival. We learned about the Hindu and Sikh festival of Diwali and had an Indian feast.



We are discovering other cultures

Recently it was our 50th day of learning in school so to celebrate we

had a 1950s party. We came to school dressed in 50s style clothes. We learned about life in the 1950s and found out lots of interesting, and some surprising, facts about life at that time. In the morning we only had out toys which would have been available in the 1950s, which limited our choice considerably! We played Elvis and had lots of dancing. In the afternoon we watched some 1950s children's television. Then we had more dancing and learnt The Cha Cha Cha. We played some 1950s party games and all had an attempt at hula hooping. We finished off our afternoon with some 1950s party food – jelly and custard.



Dancing 1950s style

We have also been busy starting our Phonics and Mathematics sessions, learning lots of skills that will help us this year. We have been working through Phases 1 and 2 of Letters and Sounds and are becoming excellent at recognising, pronouncing and writing our phonemes and graphemes. We are learning to write our names and other words using the correct letter formations. We have been counting and learning lots of number rhymes. We have also been learning all about 2d and 3d shapes and thinking about length.



Exploring letters and numbers

We are now busy rehearsing for our Fantastic Festival of Lights Assembly and our Nativity Donkey For Sale, which we are looking forward to performing to our families.