



# Drayton Community Infant School

## Weekly Newsletter

### 15.10.21

Dear Drayton Families,

It has been lovely to be spending time in all of the classes over the past few weeks in school. The Reception children have settled in so well to the school life and it has been great getting to know each and everyone of them. They always welcome me into the class with smiling faces and I have enjoyed joining in with their morning songs, phonics sessions and crafting and much, much more. Walking around the school it has been great to hear

the children talking about the school value Learning, knowing it is okay to make mistakes and that we learn from them, using the word yet and challenging themselves. Learning has been our focus this half term during our year group assemblies and we are excited that next week some of the reception children will be joining us.

We all hope you have a restful weekend ready for next week, our last week at school before half term.

Sarah Findlay  
Deputy Head Teacher

Golden Acorn Award



#### Our School values

This week we have continued to learn all about how we should never give up and to persevere with tasks. These children received the Golden Acorn Award in assembly this week. Well, done to them and well done to everyone who has been working hard on using the word 'yet' in class.



These children tried so hard at using the word 'YET', persevering with tasks and were aware that it is okay to make mistakes.



#### Remember to follow us on social media

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#### School Council

Drayton Community Infant School's School Council meetings give the children a 'voice' to make positive changes in their learning environments and an opportunity to have a say in decisions that affect them.

In this week's meeting, the children were asked to think about the school's values and how we could incorporate these into a poster for the school. The representatives from each class will be talking to their classes about how we could improve our school library, ready to share in our next meeting.

Learning taking place in our classes this week!	
  	<p>In Reception we have had another lovely week exploring Autumn. This week in Literacy we looked at the book 'Leaf Man' by Lois Ehlert. We have retold the story and as a class created a story map. We have also created our own leaf people using natural objects.</p> <p>We have been busy learning lots of Autumn songs such as <i>Autumn Leaves Are Falling Down</i>, <i>Big Red Combine Harvester</i> and <i>Dingle Dangle Scarecrow</i>. The children have been using the Autumn objects that they have found to create lots of different artwork too. In Maths we have been developing our counting skills. With the help of our class puppet we have been learning how to count carefully and accurately.</p>
  	<p>This week, we finally finished our story of 'The Last Wolf!' We then spoke about the similarities and differences of this story and Little Red Riding Hood. In our classes, we acted out the story of Little Red Riding Hood and discussed the beginning, middle and end. The children each created their own story maps, ready to retell the story next week.</p> <p>In maths, we have been counting up in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have been using resources to support us with this and orally practising. We have also been subitising numbers up to 5 in our daily maths building sessions.</p> <p>We have continued to look at seasonal changes and explored deciduous and evergreen trees, which we made a tally chart for. In geography, we have been making our own class countries using Paper Mache. We are going to be using our geographical vocabulary to label our models when they are complete. In music, we have been finding and keeping the beat. We also revisited Pantosaurus and designed our own pants, wrote down the rules and spoke about trusted adults.</p>
  	<p>In maths we have been learning about fractions of shapes. We have practised recognising shapes that have been split into halves, quarters or thirds. We have also folded and coloured shapes to show these fractions, labelling each part as <math>\frac{1}{2}</math>, <math>\frac{1}{4}</math> or <math>\frac{1}{3}</math>. We have learnt that all parts of the shape must be equal.</p> <p>Using their storyboard from last week, the children have been busy writing the beginning, middle and end of the story of 'Pattan's Pumpkin'. We are all trying hard to remember to include capital letters, full stops and to check our sentences make sense by editing and reading our work aloud. 'Think it, say it, write it, check it' has been our daily chant in Literacy this week!</p>

	Dates for the Diary	
	25.10.21 - 29.10.21	Half Term
	15.11.21	Odd socks day to launch Anti-bullying week

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23.11 & 25.11

Parents Evening  
Details to follow

17.12.21

Last Day of Term



## Drayton Community Infant School Reception Open Day

We warmly welcome all prospective parents to our school open day on:

**Tuesday 2nd November 5.30-6.30**

**\*Thursday 4th November 3.30-4.30**



**Please Note:** School visits are by appointment only. Maximum 2 adults with child/ren starting in Reception in 2022. Adults will be required to wear a face covering and remain socially distant while in school.

**Please book your place via online form**  
**<https://forms.office.com/r/RWpxmuER6R>**