

Downs Infant School Newsletter



20 October 2023

This Half Term's Value is - Ambition

Message from Dr Mitchell...

Wow, this half term has gone so fast. Reception children have settled into school, and Year 1 and Year 2 are making so much progress. In spite of lots of viruses going round, school attendance is nearly at our target of 97%, so well done if you've managed to escape: lots of handwashing and healthy habits for us all and we might make it!

Don't forget that Monday 30th October is an INSET day and school is closed to children. Also be careful if you are trick or treating as the clocks go back on the 29th and I always worry about those dark costumes out on the streets.

In Values Assemblies this term we are learning about 'energy' and the children came up with ways to reduce fossil fuel energy.

Diary Dates

(New dates will be in red)

HALF TERM Mon 23/10 to Fri 27/10

INSET (school closed to children) Mon 30 Oct

AND.... FODIS Craft Bonanza!

Phonics meeting for **Year 1**: 2 Nov 6pm and 3 Nov 2-3pm (2 options)

Parent/carer consultations: Mon 6 and Tues 7th Nov.

FODIS AGM extension 17 November 8pm

School Xmas dinner Wed 6 December

FODIS Santa's Grotto and Mulled Wine 10 December

Year 2 Xmas Performance Thursday 14 December

Resources Shout Out

Do you have any unwanted Playmobil or other 'small world' toys? We can always make use of them. Please bring in for Mrs Baker.

If you have older children and have any early chapter books you could donate, Miss Harrex would love to have these in the library.



Learning Round-Up: Black History Month

Reception

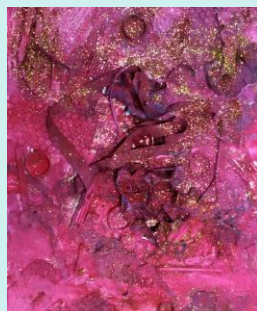
Reception learned about the artist Lubaina Himid, musician Prince, ballerina Misty Copeland and footballer Nikita Parris. They have also been exploring what makes it 'Good to be me', and have retold the story of 'The Little Red Hen'.

Year 1

Year 1 explored the work of artist Frank Bowling and made their own collaborative collage pieces. They have written their own versions of 'Kassim and the Greedy Dragon'. They have been consolidating place value in maths and practicing their curly caterpillar family in handwriting.

Year 2

Year 2 researched some black history heroes from Mary Seacole to Mae Jemison. They used the work of artist Rachel Jones to create pastels which explore emotions and colour. They have been making their own wheeled vehicles in DT.



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