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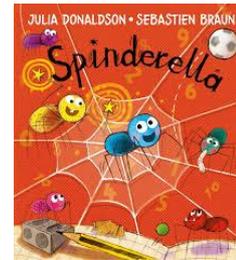
Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 12th November 2018

Dear Parents

Our focus in assembly this week has been 'kindness'. Mrs Harries led an assembly on Tuesday morning (which was world kindness day) about the importance of being kind and the way acts of kindness can colour our world and make our school a happy place. Mrs Laing led a joint Bird Family meeting on Wednesday which continued the 'kindness' theme.

This week we have been reading *Spinderella* by our special author for this half term, Julia Donaldson. This story provided us with the opportunity to discover fascinating facts about spiders such as how they spin their webs. We searched for spiders and webs in the school grounds. Back in the classroom, each child had the opportunity to create a spider web artwork using oil pastels and watercolour paint.



During our literacy sessions we focused on the letters j, v and w and we introduced the tricky word 'me'. We honed our pencil skills by drawing careful lines between dots to draw spider webs. We imagined that we were flies trapped in a web and we wrote short sentences to describe what we might say!

Our focus in maths has been on subtraction. The children solved number problems in a variety of practical ways and practised writing the corresponding number sentences using the symbols $-$ and $=$ and reading them back using the vocabulary 'take away' and 'leaves' or 'equals'.

On Thursday we watched the awards ceremony for 'The Young People's Book Prize', live from the Royal Society in London. The children were excited to see extracts from the film that they made last half term about the prize. The full version of our film can be viewed [here](#).

Rehearsals have been underway for our Christmas Production and the children have all taken part in dance, drama and singing rehearsals in preparation for the show.

Over the coming weekend your child might like to create an information poster about spiders to share with us at school next week.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 23rd November – 9.45 - 11.45 am: Reception trip to Norwich Playhouse to see 'The Snail and the Whale'

Thursday 29th and Friday 30th November: NHS Children and Young People's Health Services vision and hearing tests (Please opt out if you do not wish your child to be tested)

Thursday 6th December – 9.00am - 9.45am: Reception Christmas Production in the Read Hall

Friday 7th December: Christmas Jumper day in aid of The Wherry School – exchange your school jumper for a festive one in exchange for a £1 donation to our charity

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

With our best wishes from Mrs Alexandre, Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries