

Autumn 2011



What we've been doing this term...



We have been learning all about 'families and celebrations'. We have learnt about a variety of celebrations that different families celebrate. We celebrated Diwali by making Diva lamps out of clay and decorating them with patterns, we also made Rangoli patterns using coloured rice, they are displayed in our classroom so please come and have a look!

We celebrated Louis' (our class puppet) birthday. The children all really enjoyed making him birthday cards and birthday cakes made out of playdough and lollipop sticks as candles.

We even celebrated Bonfire Night together. We watched firework displays on the Interactive White Board and talked about the sounds we heard at a Bonfire Night party. We made our own firework pictures by flicking and dragging paint across black card and putting glitter on to make it sparkle.



Christmas Performance

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our Christmas Performance on Friday 9th December. It was a fantastic event and all the children worked very hard to put on a fabulous show! Well done everyone!

Buildings

After the Christmas holidays we will be returning to school and learning all about our new topic 'buildings'. We have decided to focus on this subject as the children have been very interested in the building work currently going on in school. We have invited the building firm into school to talk about their job and the changes that they are making to our school. We will be learning about different types of houses across the world and we will even be having our own DIY store in our role-play area. If you have any books, or resources such as toys that you think will help us in any way please let us know. Thank you! ☺



Thank You



Thank you all so much for your support this term, we really appreciate all your hard work and it really shows in the children's learning and achievements at school. The children are becoming particularly confident with their letters and sounds work. Now try using the letter cards to write simple words such as hog, fig and kin, remember that the words can be made up nonsense words like id, ock etc.



Don't Forget



Please try your best to be on time bringing and collecting your child to and from school every day. It is important they are on time so they don't miss crucial learning opportunities.

Please don't forget to inform a member of the Foundation Stage team if someone else will be collecting your child, we may require confirmation of who this person is. Thank you for your cooperation with this. ☺

Things to do at home this week...

ESOL meeting is held every Monday 12:30 to 2:30pm during term time at the Sure Start Centre, 3 Fishtoft Road, Boston. This is for children ages between 0 to 5 years and aimed particularly at families who have English as their second language. There will also be Citizen Advice Bureau advisors there. For more information or to book a place please telephone 01205 356410 or 07709412680.

Homestart Family Drop In is held every Tuesday at 12:30 to 2:30pm during term time at Swineshead St Marys Church of England Primary School, Abbey Road, Swineshead. This is a drop in event for children ages 0 to 5 years old.

Christmas Wrapping Paper – Make your own Christmas wrapping paper by drawing repeated patterns, you could use paint, crayons, felt tips or any craft material you like for this activity.

Letters and Sounds – try writing all your letters and sounds in shaving foam, can you write any simple words like hen, kin, did etc.
Keep practicing writing your first name and surname with the correct letter formation.



Song of the Week



Five little monkeys jumping on the bed,
One fell off and bumped his head.
Mama called the Doctor and the Doctor said,
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

Four little monkeys jumping on the bed,
One fell off and bumped her head.
Papa called the Doctor and the Doctor said,
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

Three little monkeys jumping on the bed,
One fell off and bumped his head.
Mama called the Doctor and the Doctor said,
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

Two little monkeys jumping on the bed,
One fell off and bumped her head.
Papa called the Doctor and the Doctor said,
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

One little monkey jumping on the bed,
He fell off and bumped his head.
Mama called the Doctor and the Doctor said,
"Put those monkeys straight to bed!"



Reception Fund



Thank you to all those families who make the weekly donation. It really does make a difference. It enables us to reward the children with small prizes to celebrate their learning, buy resources such as corn flour for messy play and contributes to the cost of ingredients to make playdough for the children each week. Thank you for your kind donations this term, with the money we have bought prizes for the Christmas party games, pegs for the washing line, ingredients to make playdough. Thank you all so much! 😊

Finally, a very merry Christmas and a happy new year to you all,
Best wishes from Miss Docherty and the Early Years Team.
