



Temple Grove Academy

Tunbridge Wells

Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter 26th November 2021

Nursery

This week in Donaldson class we have continued our learning on colours and pattern. On Monday, we read *Elmer* by David McKee. After reading the story, a letter was delivered to Donaldson Class from Elmer asking for the children's help in decorating some of his friends for Elmer Day celebrations – they enjoyed designing and creating their own patchwork elephants using a range of different media and techniques. We used the story of Elmer to discuss friendship and continue our discussion on what it means to be kind. On Tuesday, we read *Kipper's Birthday* by Mick Inkpen and learning that Elmer's birthday is approaching decided to make and write him cards (practicing name recognition and writing).

In Maths, we started to investigate our class's favourite colours and explored recording and analyzing our findings.

We have also started to learn songs for our Christmas performance which we hope to be able to perform to you live this year – Covid restrictions permitting (fingers crossed).



Reception

This week in Jeffers class we have been learning all about light and dark. We explored shadows and used an overhead projector to create our own shadow images. We also had the opportunity to use the black-out tent, which the children loved and began to create dens with it.

During our maths lessons, we have been learning how to sort objects. The children have been separating objects into groups based on their similarities.

The children have enjoyed making Christmas decorations for the classroom, ready for our Christmas tree and decorations to go up on Wednesday. We have started to learn songs for our Christmas performance, which we hope to be able to perform to you all, fingers crossed!

Forest school was extremely fun. The children were able to use a range of tools such as the large cutters, a clamp and a knife to create a Santa decoration to take home with them. They really enjoyed this task and all showed great care when using the tools.

We also explored the artist Vincent Van Gough and his famous 'Starry Night' Image. We then re-created our own versions using the techniques he used when creating his own masterpiece.

Please could I also remind you to read with your child at home and bring in their reading book on the day it should be changed. This information will be found in their school diary. Thank you!

