

A MESSAGE FROM RECEPTION



Our theme this term, 'It's getting darker', has been an exciting journey into festivals, cultural celebrations and seasonal changes and exploring light and dark within them. We have linked our learning to experiences of lights and fireworks being part of cultural events such as Halloween, Bonfire Night, Diwali; the Hindu and Sikh festival of light, and building excitement for upcoming Christmas and New Year celebrations.

As the seasons have changed, we have talked about the weather daily and loved noticing how it changes through each day and each week. We have been 'camping' in our role play areas and visited the Forest School area finding out the answer to our big science question 'Why do leaves crunch?' The family event was such fun and gave us a chance to share our forest school skills with our grown-ups.

Recently, we had a very special visitor in school, Henry the hedgehog. He dropped by with his owner, Graham, to support our learning about woodland animals and we learnt the meaning of the words 'nocturnal' and 'hibernate'.

As if that wasn't enough fun for one term, we have used the fantastic story of The Gingerbread Man to develop our story sequencing and comprehension skills. We were visited by the little old woman whose gingerbread boy ran away. Fortunately, the Bumblebee Bakery had opened its doors again and we were able to make her a new one. We also got to make some for ourselves too and they were yummy!

Our term concluded with the eagerly anticipated Christmas show. The children have worked so hard to learn and perform a range of songs. We have been so excited to perform it for you. We hope you loved it as much as we have getting it all ready. We have also continued our learning of festivals by Father David visiting us from The Church of The Good Shepherd. He told us all about The First Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support with phonics and reading at home. We are always keen to hear how your child is doing at home. Please share by commenting in the reading journal. We also love to see activities from home, including developing writing, and the children love sharing their Learning Journal updates so please take some time to add a few pieces if you are able to.



... The Reception Team

