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This year we have decided to take part in the 'Frome Lanterns' project. During the week all children from Reception to Year 6 have started to make their lanterns from willow and tissue paper. This has been a great exercise in collaborative working as they have needed two pairs of hands! We plan to use these lanterns at Christmas time, however we would also like to make you aware of the Frome Lantern Parade that is taking place at 6pm on Friday 24th November. This event will start at the top of town outside St John's Church and the procession is led by Jamma de Samba, who we met during our Arts week in the summer term. More information on this event can be found on their website https://www.fromelanterns.co.uk/. If you would like to take part in the lantern parade and would like to take your child's lantern home please can you let your child's class teacher know. We would be very grateful if you would then return the lantern to school for use in our Christmas activities at school in the last two weeks of this term.

Mrs Phillips has been very pleased to be able to welcome lots of children into her room to choose a new book as part of their reward for reading 25 times at home!

Today these two excited children from Starlings were able to take a new book home. Please keep recording every day when you read with your child as we still have lots of lovely books to give out!



If you would like to order any of the school photographs of your child/children, please note that all orders must be received by Monday 13th November. Any orders received after this date will attract a late order fee of £5 to cover additional postage and packing costs.

Finally, we would like to remind you that we are always keen to hear any feedback from parents. Please do contact us or your class teacher with any comments, queries or concerns. We are always able to make an appointment when necessary if the beginning or end of the day is not possible.

Mrs Phillips Mr Turull

FOLS Rags 2 Riches Collection next week

Please remember to bring into school your bags of any unwanted clothing, footwear, jewellery, belts and handbags after school on Wednesday 15th Nov or on the morning of Thursday 16th Nov.

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News from the Classrooms



Elmer has been our topic this week and we have been learning all about colours and shapes and enjoying listening to some of the Elmer stories. The children have also been sorting and counting different colours and shapes whilst making their own Elmers.





This week Kingfishers explored the concepts of Dark and Light. We had a black out tent with different sources of light and reflective surfaces to explore, made shadow puppets and used cellophane of different colours to investigate filtering light. We had a special visit from our PCSO Victoria, who met with the children and talked with them about her role. We had great fun looking at the police car, too.





This week in Starling Class we went outside to search for insects in their microhabitats. We carefully rolled logs and stones towards us so that we did not disturb the insects too much. Ask us what we found and where it was!!





In Goldfinches, our new topic in RE is Islam and today we have been learning all about the washing ritual 'Wudu'. Why not ask your child what the ritual before praying to Allah is?





Swallows have had a busy week writing persuasive letters to our MP in English and investigating how the Earth moves in space in Science.



Diary Dates

November

Thursday 16th Rags 2 Riches collection organised by FOLS

Friday 17th Children in Need

Wednesday 22nd Goldfinches trip to Liberty Gymnastics

<u>December</u>

Friday 1st Cake sale

Friday 8th Christmas Tree Sale 3pm - 4.30pm Saturday 9th Christmas Tree Sale and Fayre 10am - 2pm

Monday 11th Violin performance to parents of children in Goldfinches 2.45pm TBC

Wednesday 13th Christmas lunch day

Friday 15th School pantomime trip to Bristol Hippodrome for reception year through to year 6

Monday 18th Kingfisher/Starlings Nativity performance to parents

Tuesday 19th End of Term 2