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This week at Nursery . . .

This week, we have been learning about Remembrance and why people wear red poppies at this time of year. We painted poppy prints in the creative area, and used our afternoon talk time to talk about what Remembrance is. We talked about how (many years ago) lots of people had to be incredibly brave as they faced danger, and did all that they could to keep their friends and families safe.

To help us understand this, we watched a CBeebies animated story about a rabbit who experiences life on a war battlefield. When the conflict comes to an end, beautiful poppies begin to grow in the field. We discussed how the poppy is a special symbol for remembering those who were brave, and also helps us to reflect on hope for a brighter future.

The children were fantastic at sharing their own experiences and knowledge of Remembrance. Some told us about wreaths, remembrance services and the brave soldiers.











STAR OF THE WEEK

Ollie



Awarded for fantastic maths and great communication.

Well done!



Children In Need

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts for Children in Need this week. We are still finalising the total raised, and will share this with you next week.

We have loved seeing the children getting involved, from their spotty and yellow outfits to the countless pairs of Pudsey ears! And, of course, a special thank you for all the delicious cakes that have been donated.



There have been lots of Pudsey-themed activities taking place throughout the week. The children have enjoyed counting the spots on Pudsey's bandage as part of our maths learning, developing their fine motor skills with our 'Cut and Build a Pudsey' activity, joining in with the CBeebies Danceathon and sharing a special Pudsey story at afternoon snack time.

It has been wonderful to see everyone getting involved and having so much fun whilst supporting a worthwhile cause. The colouring competition winner will be announced next week.













Christmas Bags



As we edge closer to Christmas, we will begin to make some special crafts for the children to bring home and share with you. Please can each child be provided with a festive gift bag to bring their things home. This needs to be no bigger than A4 size, and with a name label. If you are unsure, please speak to a member of staff.

St John's PTA Christmas Fete

A reminder that St John's School Christmas Fete will be taking place on Saturday 28th November, and all Nursery families are warmly invited to join in the festive fun!

If you would like to book a slot to visit Santa, we would be very happy to help arrange this for you. Grotto tickets are £4 per child. It includes a story with Santa's Elves (you may recognise a few familiar faces!), a visit to see Santa and a festive gift.

Card payments can be made via Libby (Monday–Thursday). Cash payments can be made to any member of the Nursery team on any day.

We hope lots of you will be able to join us!





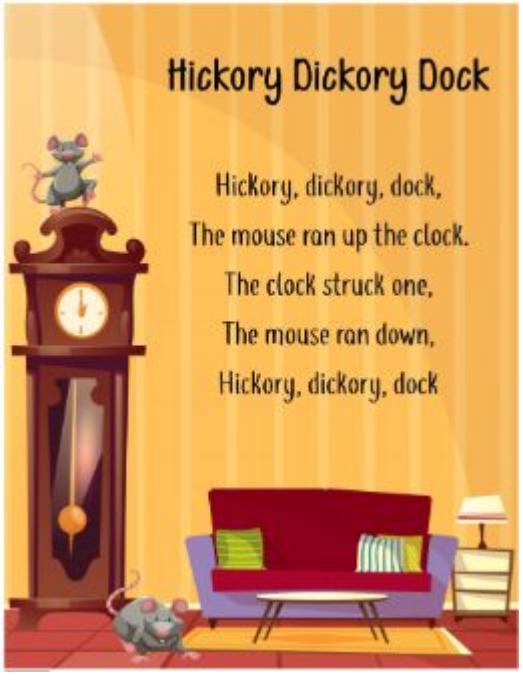






Nursery Rhyme of the Week

Hickory Dickory Dock





Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 25th November - The Nursery will be OPEN, however as the school kitchen will be closed for an INSET Day, please provide a packed lunch for your child.

Wednesday 23rd December - Friday 1st January:
The Nursery will be closed for the festive period and will re-open on 4th January.

