



WELFORD-ON-AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NURSERY NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been very busy with a multitude of different events and learning opportunities taking part.

Remembrance Day

On Tuesday, we remembered those that have been injured or lost their lives, by acknowledging two minutes silence at 11.00am. We discussed the significance of wearing a poppy and how the money raised is used to support their families.

The following link will show you the short animation that we shared, that sees war as experienced by animals in a WW1 battlefield. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/poppies>

We have also been deepening our understanding of what a memory is. We described a memory as like a little treasure box in your mind. When something special happens—like a hug from someone special, a holiday or playing with your favourite toy—you put that moment in your treasure box. Later, you can open it and remember how happy or sad it made you feel.

Odd Sock Day

On Wednesday, we took part in Odd Socks Day, as part of Anti Bullying Week. This year's theme was the 'Power for Good', empowering young people to use their Power for Good to safely speak up and raise awareness when they see bullying and others being unkind.

Younger children might not understand what it means to bully and it is important to find a definition that they can fully grasp. We used simplified language to explain that bullying is when someone does hurtful things on purpose to another person repeatedly. This may be words or actions.

However, it is critical to use simple words that you know your child will understand. We have discussed how we can reach out for help, but also reach out to help others, such as inviting someone to play, giving a smile and being kind.

The children were also introduced to a story about Dogum the dog, who was laughed at because he had no tail. We talked about kindness and how it feels to be left out. The children shared ideas about how they could support Dogum and make him feel included. This activity helped them think about empathy, respect, and caring for others.

*Kindness is something that anyone can learn,
Give to others and ask nothing in return.
Helping others is simply the best thing to do
When you are kind. Kindness comes back to you.*

Maths – Exploring Repeating Patterns

This week in maths, we have been learning about repeating patterns. Patterns help children develop early problem-solving and sequencing skills. We started with simple AB patterns, such as red, blue, red, blue, and practised 'reading' them before copying and extending. When ready, the children will begin to create their own patterns using various objects. We have used counters, bears, natural objects, and even movement (like clapping and jumping).

Autumn Scavenger Hunt



Due to the heavy rain on Wednesday, we could not visit the forest area as planned. Instead, we brought the fun indoors! To link with our autumn theme, the children worked in pairs to find autumnal objects around the classroom and marked them off on a scavenger checklist. This activity encouraged teamwork, observation skills, and seasonal learning.

Phonics Focus: Introducing the Letter 'a'

In our daily phonics we have continued to learn about letters and their associated sounds. We have revisited last week's letter, 's', before being introduced to the letter 'a'.

We have begun to tune into the initial sounds of words, beginning with 's' and 'a' and matching them with the corresponding letter shape.

Grapheme and mnemonic	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase	Multisensory action
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	a	Open your mouth wide and make the 'a' sound at the back of your mouth a a a	Around the astronaut's helmet, and down into space.	Use two hands to put on a helmet
	s	Show your teeth and let the s hiss out ssssss ssssss	Under the snake's chin, slide down and round its tail.	Motion the hand to look like a snake moving

Remembrance Day Art

This week, the children have been exploring creative ways to commemorate Remembrance Day. They used their fingerprints and coloured pens to design unique poppy artwork on natural wood-slices, making each piece personal and special.

In addition, they experimented with transitional art by arranging red, black, and green objects and materials to form poppy-inspired designs. These activities encouraged creativity, fine motor skills, and thoughtful reflection on the significance of the poppy



Shared Reading Book

Next week, your child will be bringing home a book to share with you as part of our Early Years reading journey. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy stories together and support your child's developing love of reading.

Further information will be sent home alongside the book, including guidance on when to return it and suggestions for how to make the most of sharing books at home. We hope this will be an enjoyable and valuable part of your child's learning experience.

British Values

As part of our British Values, this term we are supporting children to develop good self-help skills and table manners within the setting.

You can help at home by encouraging your child to:

- Become more independent with taking off and putting on their shoes and coat.
- Sit at the table together and use a knife and fork correctly.
- Practice basic table manners to support everyday social interactions.

Illness Guidelines

It is important that we all follow the correct guidelines for illness:

- If your child has a temperature they should not be in school.
- If your child has needed Calpol or similar during the night or before school, they are not fit to attend.
- If your child is ill, telephone the school office between 9.00am and 9.15am, giving a brief message about why they will not be attending.
- If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they must not return until 48 hours after the last bout of illness.

Many thanks for your continued support. If you have any questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs M Sims
Nursery Class Teacher

"I am not a teacher, but an awakener."
— Robert Frost