Reception Elephants

Autumn 1

All About Me

Our first half term was brimming with fun, making memories and forming friendships. We used this time to grow our confidence with new people, new surroundings and new challenges. We developed new friendships and our understanding of how to resolve conflicts. We had new experiences such as the Harvest Festival in Church where we shared a special Harvest song. We started our phonics learning journey and covered most of the phase 2 sounds. We are learning how to blend these together to read words, and segment (chop) the sounds so we can spell a word. We have been enjoying a variety of fiction and non-fiction books through guided reading, literacy and provision. We have learned about different forms of print including a list, recipe and a story map and have applied these into our focused tasks. We have been working on our fine motor by practicing 'smooth' writing, using playdough and lots of threading and cutting. Our main focuses in math's have been developing our recognition of patterns and subitizing small amounts – this means recognizing an amount to 5 without having to count one by one. We enjoyed a trip to the Library to listen to 'spooky' stories and we got to make our own bookmarks. The children were extremely respectful and responsible during this trip and represented our school beautifully. We have learned about Observational Drawing and have been practicing controlling our pencil smoothly when adding details to our creations. Elephants have developed their understanding of autumn through hands on exploration and experiences. We used our autumn artefacts in every way we could – counting, patterns, tracing, drawing, painting, rolling, building.










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