

Durrington Infant & Junior Federated Schools

Week ending
9th November 2018



AUTUMN TERM

INSET DAY 3.9.18 & 4.9.18

Term Begins:

Wednesday 5.9.18

INSET DAY 19.10.18

Half term:

22.10.18 to 26.10.18

Term Ends:

Wednesday 19.12.18

SPRING TERM

Term Begins:

Thursday 3.1.19

Half term:

18.2.19 to 22.2.19

INSET DAY 25.2.19

Term Ends:

Friday 5.4.19

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News Roundup

The weather seems to have turned since we returned from the half term break, and to celebrate the new season, the children in the Nursery have been off on an autumn walk. They collected leaves and twigs to make a collage.

Reception have been learning all about shapes and have been going on lots of shape hunts around the school. They have also been working on the 'Winnie the Witch' story and used magic potions to make words. Very cleverly they have also combined the two things and created pictures of Winnie using different shapes!

The children in years 1 and 2 have been discovering why we have bonfire night by studying the Gunpowder Plot. They have learnt about Guy Fawkes and why we have fireworks and brought things right up to date by designing firework safety posters.

Building on the work years 3 and 4 have been doing on Pompeii, the children have been making volcano pictures using a variety of different mediums. There was a good response to the homework of building a volcano and the children have used vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to make some real eruptions—luckily no cities were destroyed this time.

Year 5 have been doing a lot of writing about Ancient Greece including writing some 'Dear Zeus' letters to the ancient Gods problem page! We will let you know if they get any useful responses.

To help develop their writing, year 6 have been outdoors experiencing the environment using all of their senses. This has enabled them to produce some lovely descriptive writing.

Remembrance

Today we held our remembrance assemblies including a two minute silence at 11am. Every child in the school has made a poppy. The infant poppies are displayed on the hall windows so that you can see them as you go along Salvington Road and the junior poppies have formed a 'wall of remembrance' in the hall. We shall be sharing some photos on the school website soon.

Earlier in the week the junior children also learnt about two soldiers in WW1, brothers Thomas and Edward Blake. One of them sadly did not return home, whilst the other went on to have over one hundred descendants, including one who became a teacher in our school!



Attendance

To help achieve our school target of 96% attendance, we have a new incentive this year which will encourage children to work together and earn rewards.

Every day that a class has 100% attendance, they collect a puzzle piece to build the school logo on their door. Once the class has collected 14 pieces and completed the picture, they can choose a reward.

So far one class has chosen a mufti day and another a pyjama day.

Well done to Onyx, Mars and Jupiter classes, the first classes to complete their logo puzzles.