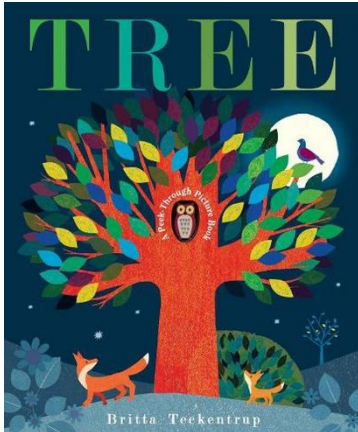




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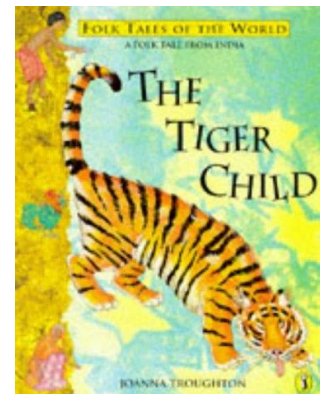
Friday 8th November



We hope you had a good half term holiday. It is good to see the children back. This half term our theme is woodlands. Our focus book this week was the non-fiction book Tree by Britta Teckentrup. We talked about what happens in autumn and how trees change.

LITERACY The Reception children drew an autumn tree and talked about what happens in autumn. They chose an autumn leaf and described it using colour, feel and sound words. Some of the super words they thought of were rusty, scrunchy, scrumply, and scuffly. The children had a go at writing the words by listening to the initial sounds or dominant sounds and copying or writing the letters.

The Year 1 children listened to the story of The Tiger's Child. They talked about the beginning, middle and end of the story. Then they watched a video of the book, created story maps, and used them to retell the story.



MATHS Reception have continued to learn about number 7 in all its formats - 7 centimetres, metres, litres, kilograms. We looked at different ways of making 7, and made up number sentences. Year 1 have been working on subtraction, by taking away objects, including from ten frames, and by crossing out pictures. They solved word subtraction problems, such as "first there were 7 birds in the tree, next 4 flew away, then there were 3 left".

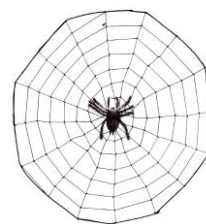
PHONICS Reception have started Phase 2 learning the phonemes s a t p. If you would like to hear the pure sounds demonstrated, search for 'pure sounds phonics' – the Oxford Owl video is a good one. Year 1 have been learning consonant blends sp, dr, fl and dr and correct formation of the letter r.

HISTORY Year 1 have revisited the 4 countries of the UK. We learnt about a legend from England, the legend of Black Shuck, which is a Suffolk legend. The children found out about what happened when there was a terrible thunderstorm and Black Shuck ran into some churches. Some thought it really happened and others thought it was just a story.

CREATIVE We have made very sparkly firework pictures, and mixed colours to print with autumn leaves. We also painted pictures of Black Shuck, making sure to give him big red eyes!



We learnt about our first **ELLI** character – the Connecting Spider. We watched the story of *The Very Busy Spider* and talked about how a spider builds a web.



The **Nursery** children have also made firework pictures by painting on black paper and adding glitter. They also rolled marbles in paint to make pictures too. They have enjoyed listening to lots of stories, including *Where Are You, Blue Kangaroo?*

Please note! If you have not yet returned the Forest School permission form, please can we have it by Monday.



Our Star of the Week this week is **Ezra**. He has worked hard, played really nicely with his friends, and painted an amazing picture of Black Shuck. Well done, Ezra!

Home Learning

- Nursery** Talk about what you wear on a wet day. Get out the clothes you need. Can you put them on yourself? Can you name all the items of clothing?
- Reception** Collect small items that are circles, triangles, squares, and rectangles (and pentagons/hexagons/heptagons if you find any). Use them to make a picture and draw round them. Describe the properties of each shape.
- Year 1** Geography – countries of the UK (see home learning book) and learn your spellings for a test next Friday.

Have a lovely weekend, Thames Class Team