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27th November 2025

Dear all,

This week the children have enjoyed exploring the Japanese festival Kodomo no hi. The festival is focused on children and celebrating their happiness! We looked at lots of images of the 'flying fish' that are raised during the day. We had lots of fun designing our own festival kites. During our afternoon sessions we have been busy creating observational drawings. We started by collecting lots of autumn objects from the playground, after this we looked at different examples of observational drawings and explored how to observe an object e.g. looking closely and noticing details. The children then created fantastic drawings of different autumn objects; they did a brilliant job of noticing different details. Next week we will be using this skill to create self-portraits.

In phonics this week we have learnt the sounds y,z,zz, qu and ch. We have also introduced the children to tricky words he and she. In maths this week we have been exploring number composition using part whole models. On Monday we used hoops and beanbags to support the children to explore this type of model; they had lots of fun identifying different ways to fill the 'parts' with beanbags.

Trip: It is not long to go until our visit to Simple Alpaca with Father Christmas! Just a quick reminder that the children will need a packed lunch. Please can you ensure that your child has plenty of warm layers including hats and gloves. They will need to come to school in their Forest School clothes. All belongings will need to be in a rucksack that the children can carry themselves. We will put our school waterproofs on before we leave and take the children's wellies with us. Please come and see me if you have any questions about our trip.

Open afternoon: On Monday (1st December) we are hosting an open afternoon after school. Please do pop in to have a look at the wonderful learning the children have been up to so far.

If there are any questions at all, please come and see us.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bown

