



So far this term...

Since the October holidays we have looked at bonfire and firework safety and have learnt about spiders. The children made lovely healthy spider snacks in our food preparation session this week and made fireworks pictures by blowing through straws! The children are getting much better at working in the group setting, now they are getting used to other people in their space. We are seeing everyone else's strengths, and starting to help each other when we can.

What's next... for the rest of this term we will be working on money skills in numeracy, and descriptive skills in literacy through a Space Travel Agents topic. We will also touch on Hinduism; the area of Hinduism we are choosing to focus on for our children this term is Dharma, which is the Hindu code of conduct emphasizing good conduct and morality, because this fits in well with our school and class values. Then of course we have our Christmas topic. This year we are particularly looking at Christmas artefacts.

We will continue to have our group work in the afternoons – Mondays is a proprioception or interoception activity, Tuesday is a sensory story, Wednesday is food preparation, Thursday is music and Friday is Fun 31, where we join in with the rest of school where possible.

Staffing – We have a change in that Mrs Armstrong is reducing her hours, and will be working Monday – Wednesday. On Thursdays and Fridays we have Mrs Gail Brown, who is already a teacher in our school and she knows the children well. As always, we work hard as a team to keep our approaches consistent for the children.

Communication – Please phone the office in case of child absence. During the day it is hard for us to get to the phone, but here is Mrs Armstrong's email: gw09armstrongsarah@ea.dumgal.sch.uk Mrs Brown's email: gw13brownngail2@ea.dumgal.sch.uk

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