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We have had a busy and exciting term full of so many opportunities to learn. Here is a snapshot of just some of the events the children, staff and parents have taken part in.

September

Years 5 and 6- Through the Decades



Years 5 and 6 spent some time preparing for and celebrating a mock VE (Victory in Europe) Day in September. This date was chosen as a gateway to their topic "Through the Decades" looking at the 1940s to the 1990's. The classes were buzzing with activity as recipes from the forties, e.g. rock cakes, were made, flags of those countries that were part of the winning coalition were made, and even flowers constructed for decoration. Children danced and jived and a good time was had by all.

Sparkling Start- Years 3 and 4

No sooner has Years 5 and 6 celebrated the end of WWII, than the actual course of the war was investigated in Years 3 and 4. The children looked brilliant in their costumes- thank you very much parents for sending the children in in their very appropriate non-uniform! Some great learning took place including how to make a spitfire from recycled materials and learned all about how to make war time soup (four different versions).



Harvest Festival



We had a wonderful, happy time at All Saints' church celebrating all the good things that we have been given and thinking about those who are not as fortunate as ourselves and might be hungry or in need. Mrs Morris had rehearsed the children well in our collective worship singing sessions; so, as usual our voices were rousing. Each of the teachers had helped the children prepare part of the service and every class did themselves proud. We had music and movement, poems and prayers, singing and signing. Many parents and friends also attended the service.

October Sporting Opportunities



The Sports Premium; this was originally given to schools to improve sports at grass roots level before the Olympics in London in 2012. The grant is really useful and enables the school to provide sporting opportunities which we would not have the resources to fund from our budget.

As part of our Sports Premium spending, we have joined the Forest Heath Schools Sports Partnership (**FHSSP**) again this year. Amongst other things, FHSSP arrange and organise a comprehensive range competitions among local schools over the year and also organise for local specialist coaches to come into schools to train the children in different sporting disciplines. Already this year, our Year 3 children have thoroughly enjoyed learning golf skills with their coach Jo.

Our children who took place in the first inter-

school competition this academic year- Cross Country Running. All the children tried really hard and one of our Y5 and 6 teams came third out of seventeen teams. A big well done too, to Bobby from Y6 who came third overall out of hundreds of runners!

Cathedral Education Service

Some of our All Saints' children joined children from 19 Suffolk church schools for a celebration service in Bury St Edmunds last Sunday. Our children were great ambassadors they looked really smart and proud as they paraded the All Saints' banner through the cathedral. Well done everyone!

It was particularly good to hear Rev Stephanie talk about her experiences learning to trust her guide dog and really lovely to see Coco, the dog, in action- she drew parallels with her faith in the dark and difficult times and learning to trust God. We also enjoyed dances, singing, acting and a children's choir



Light Day- 31st October- celebrating light and colour



As a school we choose to spend 31st October celebrating light, colour and positive and courageous attitudes to our fears. As usual the day was a joy-the hall was awash with colour and light as we celebrated during collective worship the children (and staff!) looked fabulous and really enjoyed using their torches while we sang one of our favourite songs "My Lighthouse".

The children then went to classes to take part in "light themed" activities such as studying people who have been a light to the community e.g. Desmond Tutu and festivals of light such as Diwali and Hanukah.

Remembrance

As the one hundredth anniversary of the end of WWI drew near, All Saints' children took part in two important events -marking the occasion with both dignity and respect.

As we do every year, each class makes a Remembrance offering to bring to our special assembly. There were some lovely, thoughtful pieces of art and design work. These included, painted and sculptured poppies, collages made up from the poem "In Flanders Fields", doves of peace with prayers of peace and lamps with silhouettes of soldiers or paintings of poppies. All in all, after the children had brought their offering to the hall, a marvellous and moving display was created.



November Wow Week



We had an incredibly busy and very positive week in November when we celebrated Anti-Bullying Day on the Monday by wearing blue. We had two after-school events where we celebrated our marvellous diverse community and celebrated each other's costumes, foods and cultural and religious traditions- all to mark "Interfaith week". Then raised money for others less fortunate than ourselves for Children in Need by dressing up as what we would like to be when we grow up.

December

Christingle, Advent and Christmas Productions



We began the season of advent by joining the congregation at All Saints' Church for their Christingle Service. The children also collected money for The Children's Society. All staff and children were given the opportunity to take part in the Advent Challenge which included activities and readings for every day but also bringing gifts for the homeless each day giving to the reverse advent calendar. Children wore Christmas jumpers and our Year 2 children ably assisted by Year 1 and Reception performed a wonderful play "Hey Ewe!" which was very well received by the 4 different audiences.