



Tiger's newsletter
19th November 2021



The children started the week with a Diwali dance day on Monday. They helped tell the story of Rama and Sita through the medium of dance and really enjoyed the session. This week has also been anti-bullying week so we have talked to the children about bullying. Bullying behaviour has 4 key aspects: it is hurtful, it is intentional, it is repetitive and it involves a power imbalance (for example, 3 children against 1 or an older to younger child). The children were reminded, that a one off incident is not bullying and that they should tell a teacher or parent if bullying is happening.

This week we have read a book called "The Journey Home from Grandpa's" by Jemima Lumley. It is a book with repetitive language that can also be sung – you can watch it on YouTube if you want to. Our 10 words linked to the book are journey, crane, still, rushes, whizzes, canal, barge, heavy, shiny and bouncy. Please encourage your child to use these words if you can at home too.

In phonics we learned the graphemes (letters) and digraphs (2 letters that make 1 sound) z, zz, qu and ch. We learned more tricky words including go, no, in, and into. We also learned how to read words with 's' at the end. Eg digs, runs. In maths we have practised using positional language correctly (in(side), on, under, on top of, in front, behind, in(between), next to, over, through, across, above and below.) Please encourage your child to use these correctly at home when they are playing or helping.

Other learning has included drawing and painting representational pictures of vehicles from the story and making 3D models of vehicles. Outside we have practised aiming, throwing and catching. We made vehicles from the story in the construction area, used the balance bikes and made kindness potions in the discovery lab. We were also historians this week and used the language 'old, new, before and a long time ago'. We sorted pictures of old and new vehicles and looked at similarities and differences.

If you want to share anything else your child has done at home or if you have any questions, email us on our tiger class e-mail - leebrigggtigers@watertonacademytrust.org

We still need boxes and lids so we can make vehicles. We also need broom handles for our outdoor construction area – please send to school if you have any.

From Mrs Tutt, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Guppy, Mrs Greaves, Miss Taylor and Miss Southern
(The reception team)