Dear Families,

This week has been full of colourful learning and exciting investigations inspired by our book of the week, Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly 🌈

As part of our Understanding the World learning, the children explored the properties of different materials through sinking and floating investigations. They made predictions, tested their ideas and talked about what they observed. We also enjoyed a very special cooking activity, making our own rainbow jelly. Each day the children added a new coloured layer and eagerly watched their jelly grow. This was a wonderful opportunity to develop patience, perseverance and an understanding of change over time. We even had some extra jelly for sensory exploration, giving the children the chance to squash, squeeze, touch and investigate how jelly feels, moves and behaves.

We have also been learning about the colours of the rainbow. The children carefully observed the colour sequence and were challenged to create their own rainbow paintings. They worked hard to remember the order of the colours and produced some beautiful artwork.

We have also been looking t shapes this week and developing our drawing skills by learning how complex pictures can be created using simple shapes. The children looked closely at rockets and identified squares, rectangles, circles and triangles before using these shapes to draw their own rockets.

On Wednesday, we marked Remembrance Day. The children gathered in our circle on the carpet and listened as the church bell rang to signal the start of the two-minute silence. They all made a wonderful effort to remain quiet and reflective, spending some thoughtful time thinking about the people who help to keep us safe.

In PE our focus was on overarm and underarm throwing. The children practised overarm throwing using foam javelins and underarm throwing with bean bags. With adult support, they worked on developing their technique, coordination and control.

This week we started sending home your child's Choosy Book in their pre-school book bag. Please ensure your child brings their book bag to every session they attend. Books will be changed weekly. They are also very useful for bringing home artwork, letters and other communications from pre-school.

Thank you for your support in ensuring children arrived ready in their waterproofs for woodland learning this week. Having children dressed and ready meant we could maximise our exploration time outdoors. Going forward, please keep woodland clothing at home and send your child wearing their woodland kit on their allocated woodland day. We will send the clothing home after each woodland session.

Book of the week: Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly by Sue Heap

Song of the week: The solar system

Makaton sign: Saturday

Sound of the week: “a” as in ant, arrow, apple and astronaut

Woodland next week: Monday (please arrive dressed in waterproofs)

🎄 Christmas Performance

We are excited to share that all pre-school children will be playing sheep in our Christmas performance! Please provide a costume in a named bag that can remain at pre-school until the performance. We are happy for you to bring these in from next week and by Monday 23rd November at the latest. Children will need either:

a white or black t-shirt and leggings.

Have a wonderful weekend,

The pre-school team