



# Grace Cook Gazette

GRACE COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL AND  
NURSERY



## A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

I'm pleased to share with you this month's Gazette. It highlights some of the wonderful learning opportunities the children have experienced through November.

The Autumn term is now entering its last few weeks with Christmas in the air. We look forward to seeing you at one of the end of term events.

**Mr Dediccoat - Headteacher**



**Nursery - Star Class**



## This Month's Highlights

The children have spent this part of the autumn term learning about bonfire night and have worked very hard as a team to recreate our own firework, a rocket made out of our junk modelling. The children have been using their fine motor skills learning how to hold and use fine paint brushes to paint intricately with and they worked very hard to recreate our painted poppies for Remembrance Sunday. The children have enjoyed interaction and storytelling with our bears in the small world tray, there has been an abundance of open ended conversation and laughter and imaginative play. We have wrapped up warm and stood peacefully in the garden, "what can we hear?" "What Can we see?" Awakening our curiosity in our natural surroundings and feeling the wind on our cheeks and the rain in the air and finally we have thought about what materials our teddy bears are made of and we have used items around the nursery such as felt and paper and conkers and stones to create the picture of the bear in the photo.

## November 2022

### Other News

**Dates for your diary**

**Thursday/ Friday 8th/9th December @2.30**

The Grace Cook Nativity

**Monday 12th December**

Colchester Zoo Penguin Experience

**Tuesday 13th December**

Penguin Plod

**Wednesday 14th December**

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

## Sun Class

At the start of the month we explored the different customs that Hindu's take part in when they celebrate the festival 'Diwali'. We talked about the similarities and differences between these and events that are special to us, such as birthdays and Christmas.

As we continue with the theme of journeys we climbed aboard a pirate ship in search of treasure island. As pirates we found pieces of gold that we counted into tens frames, began to identify coins playing bingo and measured the necklaces in the treasure chest. We even learnt a pirate jig! "ooh argh me hearties".





## Mercury class

In Mercury class this month we have continued our addition and subtraction.

In Year 1 this was within 10 and in Year 2 we even started subtracting with 2-digit numbers and sometimes crossing tens. We have taken lots of time and care and have impressed Miss Barnett and Mrs Bloom with our excitement to learn!

In English we have looked at stories, instructions, invitations, other cultures and personal recounts (lots of new skills and vocabulary learned!)

