



Little Bells Newsletter

Week Ending 14th May 21

This week's focus story was, *The Elves and the Shoemaker*. An unfamiliar story for a lot of the children so it was lovely to introduce them to a new piece of Literature. The children have completed lots of activities linked to the story.

In design and technology, the children practised threading a needle and have applied their new skill of sewing to a piece of felt cut to the shape of a shoe. The look of sheer concentration on the faces of the children was priceless, lots of tongue twisting and lip biting, who knew sewing could have this much effect!

Another first for Little Bells was the introduction to our Bee Bots! A programmable floor robot, in the shape of a bee, that lets children create simple programs by pressing directional buttons, forward, backwards left and right. The children have really enjoyed their first session and loved to watch them 'dance' around the floor.

In maths we continued with *The Elves and the shoemaker* theme when we looked at our own shoes and used a chart to see what type of shoe is popular in our class. We looked at shoes with laces, Velcro and a combination of both. I'm pleased to report that most children wear Velcro shoes, as you can imagine, tying up 28 pairs of shoes with laces would be a little time consuming, not to mention tiring!

In phonic, Mrs Hall's group is continuing with phase two sounds, of 'b' and 'f' and recapping on the sounds already learnt in readiness for transitioning into Reception class. Please continue practising as much as you can at home.

On Wednesday, we just managed to complete our welly walk before the torrential down pour and enjoyed some welly footprint painting! We put long strips of paper in our outdoor area, with trays of paint and let the children make some wonderful footprints!

Dates for your diary

Friday 28th May 21 Little Bells/Belthorn Academy will be closed for an Inset Day

Enjoy your weekend!

Mrs Hall