

# What have we been learning?

Week beginning: 16th October 2023

This week in maths we have been learning to create repeating patterns. We have looked at colour patterns, repeating patterns with different objects, patterns with different shapes and patterns of full and empty cups. We all had a turn at making our own patterns and correcting the mistake in Miss Craig's repeating patterns. We also practised counting the objects we used and finding the corresponding numeral.



In art this half term we have been learning to make self portraits using pastels. First we looked at our reflection in a mirror to pick out the features of our face. Using a pencil we began by drawing the shape of our head, we then added our features including our eyes, ears, nose, mouth, hair, eyebrows and eyelashes. Finally we chose the correct coloured pastels for our skin tone, eyes, lips and hair and coloured in our self portraits.



## How can you help your child with their learning?

- In phonics this week we have been learning the sounds b, f, e, l and r. Attached to this newsletter is a sheet with our handwriting rhymes, which is how the children are taught to write their sounds. Please practise saying, reading and writing sounds that your child has learned with them and help them with their letter formation, ensuring they are holding their pencils correctly :)
- Help your child to make and see repeating patterns such as red, yellow, red, yellow, or leaf, conker, leaf, conker. You can start the pattern for them and ask your child to finish your pattern. You could also ask your child to make their own. To challenge them further you could ask them to make a pattern such as red, blue, blue, red, blue, blue.