

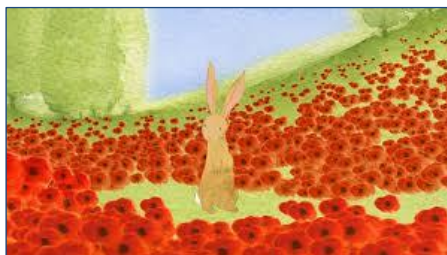
Last week we were thinking about things we might celebrate such as the birth of a new baby, a birthday, Diwali, Halloween, Bonfire night and Christmas. These celebrations also link nicely with family and pets. Thank you for baby photos that were sent in last term. If the children would like to share pictures of their family or pets, they are welcome to bring them in to talk about or please feel free to send via email (nursery@woodstock.oxon.sch.uk) for them to share. This week we will be sharing the books *Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy* by Lynley Dodd and *'Dear Zoo'* by Rod Campbell. We will enjoy some more books about Hairy Maclary in the coming weeks.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be thinking more about linking the work we have been doing on feelings and emotions with the theme of friends. We will be talking about friendly behaviour and making friends, what we like about friends, why it is good to have friends, and how to be a good friend. We will read stories such as *'The Rainbow Fish'* by Marcus Pfister, *'Puffin Pete'* by Petr Horacek and other books that focus on friendship. These stories highlight some of the emotions involved in friendship. We will be linking with the school's Anti-Bullying Week next week. Next **Monday** (13th) we will celebrate **Odd Socks Day** - an Anti-bullying Alliance initiative designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! All children have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler!

Next weekend is Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday and whilst teaching children about the significance of Remembrance Day and why people wear a poppy is not always an easy thing to do, we should attempt to give the children a simple explanation. The children are far too young to be exposed to the horrors of war, but we need to take first steps towards remembrance and respect. CBeebies has produced a short animation, simply titled, *'Poppies'* to help convey the notion of Remembrance in a way that resonates with a young audience. It is a beautiful piece to watch, and we find it is a great way to introduce a discussion. The two-minute film depicts a bunny in a meadow that becomes a battlefield. The film is able to evoke feelings about war without any graphic visual depiction of war. It may be something you would like to watch with your child and is available on the CBeebies website.

Best wishes

Ellie Green & Kelly McIlroy



CHILDREN IN NEED DAY- FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER

Friday 17 November is Children in Need Day and as always, we are going to join in the fun. The Pupil Parliament is meeting to decide what we will do, so watch this space.....

