

Reception Newsletter!

Friday 11th November 2018

Week 9

We have had a lovely start to our half term in Reception class. We really enjoyed talking about Bonfire Night on Monday and listened carefully to the story of Guy Fawkes. We had a great time creating firework inspired art work in our outdoor classroom, including chalk fireworks and cardboard rockets. We continued our 'Firework' theme on Tuesday and enjoyed using different art material (collage, paint, natural objects, and construction) to create beautiful firework artwork. You can see some of our amazing work in our classroom art gallery.

On Wednesday we began our new 'Around the World' topic. (We have sent home a Topic Web with your child today.) In Reception class we will focus on celebrations and festivals around the world. This week we learnt all about Diwali. **Ask us: Where is Diwali celebrated? What does the word 'Diwali' mean? How is Diwali celebrated?**

We loved exploring the beautiful Rangoli patterns and had fun creating our own using collage materials, peg boards, paints and chinks. We also made beautiful clay Diva lamps. We shaped the clay carefully and used tools (playdough tools) to carve patterns. Once the clay was dry we really enjoyed using paint and 'jewels' to decorate our lamps. **Ask us all about it!**

This week we have really enjoyed sharing the story 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson. We have begun to learn (a shortened version of) the story 'off by heart'. We worked together to create a story map to help us remember the story. We have also created actions to go with each line and have worked hard to add amazing expression. We then used our knowledge of the story to sequence key events, write simple captions and key words. **Ask us all about it!**

In P.E we started our first multi-sports sessions. Ms Shepherd and Mrs McGray were so impressed with how independent the children were when getting dressed for P.E. A little reminder to please make sure your child's name is on absolutely everything- even shoes. Thank you for your support.

Reading at home

Your child will bring home their yellow reading diary, reading book and Phonics challenge tonight. We have sent a separate letter with all the information you need. **Please send your child's reading diary, book and Phonics challenge into school on Wednesday. Thank you.**

Woods Trip

We are really looking forward to our first Woods Visit on Tuesday 13th November. Mr Moore sent home a letter on Tuesday with all the information you will need. It is very important your child is dressed appropriately for the woods environment.

Please read the letter carefully. If you have any questions please ask a member of the EYFS team.

Wow Wednesday Dates

Wow Wednesdays provide an opportunity to look through your child's Learning Journey. **They are held between 8.30-8.50am on the following dates:**

Wednesday 14th November

Wednesday 28th November

Wednesday 19th December

Phonics

This week we have learnt the final sounds in Phase 2 **l ll ss**. We talked about how **ll** and **ss** usually go at the end of a word. We also talked about how 2 letters which make one sounds (e.g. **ss**, **ck**, **ll** etc) are called digraphs. We have been working hard to read our Phase 2 Tricky Words fluently and have also worked hard to write them independently. We are beginning to write simple captions (2-3 words) with increasing independence.

Our week in pictures...



We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday.

Yours Faithfully,
Ms Shepherd and the Reception Team.