Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 4.11.25

Term 2 topic - Tell me a story

Remembrance Day and Bonfire Night

Welcome back, what a busy week! We started off the week learning about Bonfire Night and we finished the week with Remembrance Day!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- We have been thinking about sharing toys with our friends, taking turns with our friends, and also waiting for our turn this week. We are happy to be back with our friends and are remembering to look, listen and join in on the carpet so we can learn. We know our school rules are to be Ready, Respectful and Safe. This term the theme in Jigsaw is 'Celebrating Difference' and this week we thought about what we liked to do and what we are good at. We decided it would be boring if we were all the same!

Communication and Language- We enjoyed hearing the story of Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot and chatted about why we celebrate Bonfire Night. Thank you for taking part in Sticker Homework, the children were also keen to share what they knew about Remembrance Day.

Physical Development- As the weather is getting cooler, we are ensuring our outside play sessions are very active. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing to go outside each day. We try to go out in all weathers, and this is made much easier for us if the children have their own appropriate outdoor wear. We are continuing with 'dough disco', which helps to strengthen our muscles, and this helps us with our writing, drawing and playing. Our 'Squiggle' is helping us to listen, follow instructions and develop our gross motor movements. We have been using bats, hockey sticks and big balls this week on the big playground. We have used our fine motor skills to cut and stick, thread poppies, use scissors and play with lots of different construction. We are getting very quick at getting changed for PE and this week we practised balancing, jumping, throwing and catching with a circus theme.

Literacy- We are continuing to learn lots of new sounds to help us to begin reading and writing. This week we learnt 'e', 'l' and 'h'. We are getting very good at putting together the sounds to make a word with Fred Frog (orally blending), "c-u-p, cup". We used all the other single letter sounds we have learnt so far to blend and segment VC and CVC words including, 'top', 'cat', 'bin', 'and', 'cup' and 'bed'.

Mathematics- We have continued to practise counting in 1s to 10 and back down to 0, recognising our numbers to 10, forming our numbers correctly, and using our fingers to show amounts. We have been subitising arrangements of 2 and 3 and auditory patterns up to 3. We have also been using positional language to describe patterns of 4.

Understanding the World- We have been enjoying our outside area and noticing the plants that are growing and the continuing signs of autumn. We enjoyed our history lesson on Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot and now know why we celebrate Bonfire Night. We chatted about what we know about Remembrance Day and why it is important to remember every year. On the smart board this week we have created firework pictures and had a go at continuing simple patters.

Expressive Arts and Design- We have enjoyed arts and crafts this week. We made a salt firework garland and printed fireworks with carboard tubes. We made some lovely pictures of poppies in a field using a cylinder to print the shape of the poppies and also some poppy handprints. We also love creating models with different construction materials, engaging ourselves in the small world in the classrooms and playing in the role play area. The Vets is very popular! Talk to us about what we have done this week.

Lots of photos of children being busy this week on the website…
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Supporting learning at home

- Have a chat about why we celebrate Bonfire Night, what can the children remember?
- Can the children retell the Guy Fawkes story?
- Challenge them to put on their coat and do it up all by themselves!
- Can you spot things beginning with the phonemes we are learning 'e', 'l' and 'h'? Ask your child to tell you the rhyme we learn to help us to write it.
- To help the children to develop their physical skills give your child a challenge! Can they show you all the different ways they have learnt to move.

Notes for next week 10.11.25

- Water bottle, coat and book bag in school every day, please.
- Please keep your child's book(s) in their bookbag every day and don't forget to record in their red reading record the reading you are doing at home.
- Next week is Antibullying Week.
- Monday 10th November is Odd Socks Day, so please come in in odd socks.
- Hazel and Chestnut are having 2 phonics sessions open to parents from 9.15 to 9.45am on Thursday 20th and Tuesday 25th November. Please sigh up if you would like to see phonics in action!

Have a lovely weekend!