

Week commencing 6.11.2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week our learning will be based around fireworks and Remembrance Day to link with our half termly topic of 'Festivals & Celebrations'. We will also begin rehearsing for our Christmas nativity ahead of the performances on Monday 4th December (2:15pm) and Tuesday 5th December (9:15am).

Christmas Nativity: Today in your child's book bag you will find information about your child's part in the nativity. The children were asked if they would like speaking parts or not and we have done our best to accommodate their requests. Please help them to learn their lines. The costumes are due in on Monday 27th November in a named bag.

RESOURCE REQUESTS!

Edible sparklers – We would like to make edible sparklers with the children and would like to request that 10 boxes of breadsticks, 15 chocolate bars (if your child is dairy free, please bring in a dairy free chocolate bar) and 5 jars of cupcake sprinkles (hundreds & thousands) are brought in per class. May we suggest that you arrange who brings in what via your class rep. **These should be in by Tuesday 7th November.**

Poppies for Remembrance Day – we would like to make a display using recycled plastic bottles. Please bring in any empty plastic bottles this week.

Cardboard tubes – If you have any kitchen or toilet roll tubes, please bring them in for us to make firework rockets.

Diwali: The week after next we will be learning about Diwali and we would love to hear from any families that celebrate Diwali. Please let your class teacher know if you can support this.

Phonics: We will be teaching the sounds /y/ /z/ /kw/ /ch/ next week and revising all of the sounds we have learnt so far. Please ensure you are reading at home every day, even if it is only a page, and signing the book every time your child reads to you.

Maths: This week's learning will focus on comparison skills. The children will be encouraged to compare the number of objects in 2 sets by matching them 1:1. Seeing that objects in some sets can be matched without any being left over will draw the children's attention to instances when the quantities of objects are equal.

Cultures & Religion

As part of our 'Understanding the World' learning we would love to celebrate the religions and cultures of children in our cohort. If you would be happy to share knowledge of your religion and/or culture, please let your class teacher know.

We haven't had anyone so far, so please do approach us if you have any knowledge you are willing to share. It makes it much more meaningful for the children if they are learning about cultures within their peer group.

At home you could:

- Look out for the 'Harder to Read and Spell' words in any stories you read at home. You can find a list of these in the back of your child's reading record.
- Talk about which celebrations you take part in in your family
- Discuss and notice the change in seasons. Perhaps go on an autumn walk and collect some autumn treasures.

Diary Dates:-

W/C Monday 13th November – Anti-bullying week

Friday 17th November – Children in Need mufti day

Notice:

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle and coat in school every day.

Thank you

Reception Team