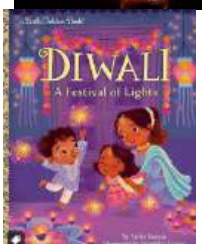
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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have lots of special learning taking place as we explore and celebrate a few important events.
The children will be learning about Bonfire Night, including why it is celebrated and how we can stay safe around fireworks. We will also be exploring Diwali, the Festival of Lights, learning about its traditions, celebrations and importance to many families around the world.
On Wednesday, we will be marking Remembrance Day. We will take part in a simple, age-appropriate discussion and join the rest of the school in observing a moment of silence as a mark of respect.
These learning opportunities help children develop their understanding of different cultures, traditions and significant events, whilst encouraging respect, kindness and reflection.

Phonics – This week we will be learning the sounds **j, v, w** and **x**. We will also be learning the harder-to-read and spell words **he**, **she** and **buses**.

Literacy – In Literacy we will be taking inspiration from bonfire night, and we will be writing **onomatopoeia** words (e.g. pop, bang and fizz) to describe a firework picture.
Please continue to practice our **Harder to Read and Spell words** at home. Regular practice will help the children to recognise these words quickly when reading and become more confident when using them in their writing.

Maths – In Maths, we will be learning about the shapes, circles and triangles. We will be learning to recognise and name these shapes, talk about their properties, and spot them in the environment around us. The children will have opportunities to investigate shapes through practical activities, games, construction, drawing and shape hunts.

PSED – In PSHE, we will be exploring the idea that everyone is unique and that our differences make our community a wonderful place to be. Through stories, discussions and activities, we will be encouraging the children to think about what makes them special, as well as recognising and celebrating the qualities, interests and backgrounds of others. We will talk about the importance of kindness, respect and inclusion, and how we can be good friends by valuing and appreciating the differences we see in one another.

Creative Arts – We will be creating our own Diya lamps as part of a Diwali learning. We will also be making loose part poppies using a variety of materials such as buttons, counters, gems, sticks and other loose parts. This activity encourages creativity, problem-solving and fine motor skills, while also providing an opportunity to discuss the significance of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance.

If you can send in donations of any of the following to help us with the children's learning, we would be very grateful. Please can these be brought in at the beginning of the week, thank you 😊
Red and black buttons, smoothie lids



Thank you in advance 😊

Diary Dates
Friday 13th November – Children in Need – Mufti Day (No uniform day)
Friday 13th November – 2.20pm – 2.50pm – Safeguarding Session with Miss Morris for Parent Volunteers- Any current/ prospective parent volunteers who have not yet attended a session or who last attended Autumn 2025
W/C Monday 16th November – Anti Bullying Week- More Information to follow