



EYFS News

Friday 6th November 2020



What have we been up to this week?

This week we have started our new topic for the half term, 'Let's Celebrate!' Throughout the next seven weeks we will be learning about different types of religious and non-religious celebrations such as Diwali, birthdays, weddings, Christmas and Bonfire Night. We will be reading a variety of stories linked to these and learning about how different people celebrate them. We have started the half term by focussing on 'Bonfire Night' and 'Diwali' this week.



To begin our learning about the festival of Diwali, we have read the story of 'Rama and Sita'. We have also been learning about which religions celebrate it and how they celebrate it.

On Thursday, as it was Bonfire Night, we talked about how to stay safe around fireworks and bonfires and read a special story that helped us to understand how they can be dangerous. We talked about our experiences of fireworks and Reception created some lovely firework poems.

PHONICS

NURSERY

We have begun our second round of 'BLAST' sessions this week and have been focusing on our turn-taking skills. Please continue to work on this at home by playing turn-taking games.

RECEPTION

This week we have learnt 'm' and 'd'. You will find that these have been added to your child's book bag for you to practise at home. Please also continue to play some of the phonics games suggested in the previous newsletter.

Please also practise writing the letters. You could do this in glitter, using paint, creating them with playdough – be as creative as you like! Don't forget to use these formation rhymes to help:

m

*"Down Maisie, back up, over the mountain,
over the mountain"*

d

*"Round the dinosaur's bottom, up his tall
neck and down to his feet"*

Don't forget to share what you get up to on Tapestry! 😊

MATHS

NURSERY

This week, we have been focusing on 'sorting'. We have been sorting by colour, pattern, size, and various other things! An example of one of our activities is that we were each given a different coloured bowl and had to find all of the animals that matched our colour bowl. We have also been looking at patterns on socks and wellies, and talking about which ones match and why. This is something you could do at home – you could help match up some socks and talk about why they match e.g. *"They are the same colour"* *"They are both spotty"*

RECEPTION

We have been beginning to think about 'subtraction' and have been exploring the concept of 'one less'. We talked about how 'one less' is always the number that is before the given number. We have been exploring this in lots of different ways, including singing our favourite songs such as 'Five Little Speckled Frogs' and 'Five Little Monkeys' and using playdough to work out how many are left after one is taken away.



Please return book bags with reading records signed by **Wednesday** for books to be changed and given out on **Friday**. Any books returned after Wednesday will not be changed that week. This time frame allows us to ensure that books are fully cleaned.

Thank you for your continued support 😊



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