



*'Spurring each other on with love'*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Literacy

This week, we are focusing on Bonfire Night. We will be finding out about Guy Fawkes and why we have bonfire night. We will be thinking of adjectives to describe fireworks eg: the sounds and colours. Discussing safety around fireworks and thinking of rules.

### Phonics

This half of term the children have been grouped for phonics. We used data from the RWI assessments to do this. Some of the children will be recapping sounds previously taught, some are focusing on blending sounds orally and some will be focusing on reading words. Your child will either be taught by Mrs O'Toole, Mrs Vanstone, Mrs Bond or Mrs Greenslade. Please ask your child which group they are in.

Mrs Bond - This group are going back over the sounds e, l, h, r and j.

Mrs Vanstone / Mr Cooper - This group are covering c, k, u, b and f. They will also be working on blending sounds to read.

Mrs Greenslade - This group is also covering c, k, u, b and f. They will also be focusing on oral blending.

Mrs O'Toole - This group will be covering m, a, s, d and t.

For all groups, please use the phonics resource that we gave out at parents evening to practise the letter sounds and reading words. The children have also been sent home with a sheet of QR codes for all the single letter sounds, so you can go back and do the online lessons again.

### Numeracy

- Going on a shape hunt, specifically looking for circles and triangles.
- Using the following vocabulary when we talk about the shapes we see; sides, corners, straight, curved, circumference.

### Other areas:



- Making up firework dances and moving to music.
- Reading and writing CVC words.
- Making rockets out of shapes and construction materials.
- Printing firework pictures.
- Learning about Guy Fawkes.

Reminders:

- Please make sure all uniforms, coats and book bags are named, including shoes. There have already been a few mix-ups due to unnamed belongings.
- On Fridays we have PE. Please make sure that your child is in clothes they can take off and put on.
- Earrings should be plain gold or silver studs.
- Library books are changed on a Monday.
- Please continue to work on name writing.
- Drink bottles should contain water not juice.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to come and see us!  
Best Wishes from the Foundation Stage Team

Red Bears - Mrs O'Toole and Mrs Bond  
Blue Bears - Mrs Vanstone, Mr Cooper and Mrs Greenslade

