



Wren Class Newsletter - Week Beginning 05/11/2018.

We have had a very busy time this week looking at different celebrations that take place during this time of year. The children have made some wonderful pictures using various artistic styles and lots of different resources.

On Monday we learnt about Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night. The children made chalk and glitter firework pictures for our display board in the classroom. They also drew a picture of their favourite part of Bonfire Night and attempted to write words and sentences to describe what they had seen, felt, heard, tasted and touched at any bonfire celebrations they had attended.

On Tuesday we began to look at using money in our role play shop and investigating what coins we have by looking at the colour, shape and size.

On Thursday we celebrated Diwali and took part in making rangoli patterns, writing cards, making Diva lamps and dancing to Bollywood music. The children learnt about the story of Rama and Sita and why Diwali is sometimes called the Festival of Light.

Finally, on Friday we talked about Remembrance Day. We watched a CBeebies animated video called 'Poppies' and read a poem 'In Flanders Field' by Major John McCrae. The children asked questions and chatted about their feelings and opinions. Everyone made a poppy to remember the soldiers and animals that are hurt in war.

We have also been busy practising the songs for our Christmas play that will be held on the 10th December in the afternoon.

During our phonics lessons this week we have practised the graphemes (letters) H, B, F, FF, SS, L, LL, no, go, I. We have learnt the phoneme (sound) and also practised writing the letters on whiteboards. The children had a go at listening to short sentences and writing them. We also revisited the sounds that we have learnt so far and practised listening to and saying initial sounds in CVC words. Please continue to practise these letters and words using the resources recommended in the children's reading packs.

Could I also remind you that all children need to bring in their reading packs and reading record books every day. We are practising reading sounds, tricky words and CVC words whenever we can during the day and are starting to give reading books to those children that can blend CVC words. If your child does have a book, please can they bring them in daily so that we can read with them and they can change their books when they are ready. We recommend no more than twice a week. If you would like to volunteer to read with the children, we would love to see you!

If your child has been given a book, we will be putting reading books in the outdoor area on a MONDAY and THURSDAY morning for you to help choose a new book for your child.

We will start to send home words and phrases for you to practise reading with your child if they do not have a book.

The children enjoyed a very wet Forest School and PE on Wednesday with Mrs Summers. Please take a look at the Forest School page on the website to see what they have been up to this week!

Please note that the school photographer is taking photographs of the children on Wednesday. The children will need to arrive in their school uniform and change into their Forest School clothes after their photograph.

[Have a good weekend!](#)