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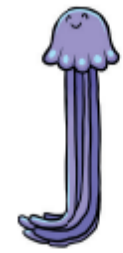
Dear Reception Families,

It was lovely to welcome the children back today! We have enjoyed hearing all about what they got up to over the break. We are looking forward to another term of exciting learning in Reception. This week, we will be focusing on Bonfire Night. If you have any photos of your child experiencing any celebrations that include fireworks, please upload them to Tapestry so we can talk about them as a class. We will also compare how we celebrate Bonfire Night to Diwali.

Learning
Our topics are highly influenced by the children's interests therefore activities may change from those planned.

Communication, language and literacy
We will share and learn the poem 'Firework' by James Carter from Zim Zam Zoom. We will move our bodies like fireworks, as we perform the poem.
-We will continue to practice the formation of the letters in our names.
-We will continue to practice the formation of the sounds we have learnt.
-We will write initial sounds in words and try to write some CVC words e.g. pin, sat, tap.

Phonics
We will learn some new diagraphs (two letters, one sound); **ll**, **ff** and **ss**. We will learn a new sound:

j j	 jellyfish	Pucker your lips and show your teeth; use your tongue as you say **j j j**	Down the jellyfish and dot its head.

We will also learn some new tricky words; **as**, **full**, **pull** and **put**.

Maths
This week, the children will build on their subitising skills. They will continue to use 'perceptual' subitising – instant recognition – by saying the number of sounds that they can hear, such as claps or drum beats, without needing to count. They will be encouraged to look closely at small quantities and observe whether the quantity has changed or only the arrangement. They will also investigate the shapes made by Numberblock Four and make similar arrangements.

Other Areas of Learning:

- **UW (Understanding the World) –** We will talk about how Bonfire Night and Diwali are celebrated. We will also learn how to be safe around fireworks and sparklers.

- **PSED (Personal,social and emotional development)-** Our Jigsaw topic this term is 'Celebrating Differences'. This week, we will identify something we are good at.

- **EAD (Expressive arts and design) –** We will create fireworks in a variety of ways using different materials.

- **PD (Physical development)-** We will continue our learning about 'Body Management' and we will be learning to perform rolls.

Notices/reminders:

- Now that we are entering the winter months, please make sure your child brings a warm coat to school everyday, labelled with their name. If they are wearing winter accessories such as gloves, hats and scarves please make sure they are also labelled with their name. Please help your child to practice putting coats and accessories on independently. Below is a reminder of our favourite coat trick!



As always please come and see us if there are any concerns or questions, we are happy to help.

Kind regards,

Mrs Duxon, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Morley