

# Reception Weekly Updates.

Week ending 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Thank you for a wonderful first half term! The children have settled in very nicely and they are now confident with our routines. It has been lovely to see the progress they have made and we are very excited to see where this journey takes us. We hope you had a relaxing half term break and are excited for the next term ahead.**

This week we have been learning about fireworks with a focus on speaking and listening. We have been discussing the fireworks, what the children saw, heard and enjoyed whilst there. Speaking is a very important part of a child's development; it is the basis of all their learning. We focus deeply on the speaking aspect of their development all through the year and are constantly modelling speaking and using good vocabulary. We encourage the children to talk about as many things as they can and to use complex vocabulary.

We created our own firework pictures in a variety of ways while using a range of creative resources. We also wrote some words to describe the sounds we could hear such as bang, pop and bip! We will display these on our classroom windows so we hope you enjoy them as much as we enjoyed making them!

## **Books**

We hope you are enjoying the children's library books! Please remember, these are for you to read to your child, we are not expecting them to read these to you. Just a reminder to leave your child's library book in their book bag, we will take them out when we visit the library. Unfortunately, we cannot allow the children to take another book if they haven't returned their previous book.

Thank you to all those parents who have been reading at home! Remember, being repetitive at this age is the best way to secure a child's learning so re-reading a book is a good thing. However, you can extend this further by working together to create alternative endings or other adventures that could be had. This is a brilliant way of getting more out of their practice.

Passwords for Bug Club should now be in reading diaries so please do use this wonderful resource at home alongside reading your child's reading book. We can track how many times a book is read and if the questions are answered.

If you are struggling to gain access, please talk to us and we can help. The previous issues have now been solved so please do check again. To access, just type [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk) into a search engine and put your child's details in, which can be found in the front of their reading books.

## **Phonics**

We have been very busy in phonics. Before half term we focused on learning the sounds i, n, m, d. This week we have learnt the sounds g, o, c, and k. The children have worked amazingly hard at learning the sounds, thinking of words that start with those sounds and learning to blend sounds together to read a word with a teacher.

Remember to cut up the sounds and use them as flashcards to practice the sounds daily at home. Practice makes perfect!

## **Maths**

This week we have been learning all about pattern and shape! We have been focussing on circles, squares, rectangles and triangles. We have been learning to identify them, name them and begin to describe them, for example a square has 4 corners and 4 sides that are all the same length. We have been learning what a repeating pattern is, how to identify a pattern and then how to continue a repeating pattern using colours, shapes and even our bodies. Here are some more ideas to try at home:

- Spotting shapes and patterns in the environment (*Zebra crossing*)
- Counting how many sides and corners each shape has
- Comparing sizes of the same shape
- Making shape pictures
- Making repeating patterns

### **Bookbags**

We have noticed that the children are struggling to put their book bags in their trays, so please could you ensure that they are emptied regularly and that each child only has one small keyring attached to the bag.

### **Dates for your diary**

Year R, 1 2, 3 & 4 – Flu Vaccinations – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Autumn Parents Evening – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November & Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – please book via Scopay

Nativity Dress Rehearsal (SCHOOL ONLY) – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Year R Nativity – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December (10:00am) and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December (10:00am)

Year R Christmas Disco – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December (2:00pm – 3:00pm)

Christmas lunch – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Last day of school – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Thank you for all for your support.**

### **The Year R Team**

<b>Mrs Cook</b> Head of Year R	<b>Miss Wheble</b> Year R Teacher	<b>Miss Gill</b> Year R Teacher	<b>Miss Ellis</b> Professional Teaching Partner	<b>Miss Lee</b> Professional Teaching Partner
Hedgehogs	Hedgehogs	Ladybirds	Ladybirds	Hedgehogs