



Acorn

Weekly Review

Date 08.11.13



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Note from teacher

I hope you all had a lovely half term. It has been great to see the children again and to see them so eager to start back at school. We have had a wonderful week focusing on fireworks and Bonfire Night and we have used this theme as inspiration for lots of our learning. The week ended with a fantastic performance from Class Acorn in their first class assembly. The children did brilliantly and everyone was so proud of them.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Literacy

This week in literacy we watched a film clip of a firework display and thought of lots of descriptive words to describe the sounds the fireworks made. The children wrote their ideas down using their phonic knowledge to have a go at writing some of the sounds in their words. The work they produced was very impressive; it is great to see how excited they are when they are able to begin to write words independently. Here are some of their ideas for descriptive words for fireworks....

pop whoosh
sizzle bang
zoom crackle

Understanding of the World

We have focused on Firework and Bonfire night in all areas of learning this week. The children have been told a simplified version of the story 'The Gunpowder Plot'. We talked about King James and how some people did not like him, including Guy Fawkes; this is why they tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament, while he was there. The children watched some firework displays that were accompanied by music on You Tube and used this as inspiration for firework pictures. They created numerous firework pictures using lots of chalk and so much glitter!

We now have a very glittery carpet in Class Acorn!

During 'Planning to Play' sessions the children made rockets and fireworks with blocks and straws and used the descriptive language we discussed in literacy to have their own make believe firework display.

Photos to add

Phonics

Here are the sounds we will be learning next week;

Monday- ng
Tuesday-v
Wednesday-oo
Thursday-y
Friday-recap on sounds learnt in the week

'Show and Tell'

Lots of the Class Acorn children have been excited to bring in special items to share with their friends at school. To make sure we have enough time in the school day to share these items we are going to make snack time our quiet time to share 'Show and Tell' items. If your child would like to bring in an item we will put it in our 'Show and Tell' box and the children can share their items at some point over the half term.

This week's number of the week is

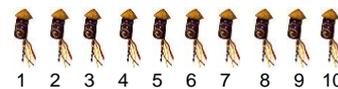
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Please help your child practise writing the Number eight on the sheet in your child's plastic folder.

Mathematics

The focus has been on number recognition and counting this week. The children learnt a firework song (to the tune of 10 green bottles) to help them count backwards:

10 little fireworks standing in a row
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When 1 little firework decides it's time to go
10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0, **BLAST OFF!**
There'll be 9 little fireworks standing in a row...



Notices

- School photographer - 12th November
- Book Fair - 7th - 12th November
- Opening ceremony - 19th November
- Class Acorn Christmas Play- 13th December

Best wishes
Mrs Speed and Selina

Please cut off this slip, sign and return to school on Monday

Signed: _____ Child's name: _____