Reception

Just To Let You Know

6th November 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

The children have had a brilliant and busy first week back after half-term. We have been learning all about Bonfire night. Bonfire night happens on the 5th November and people watch fireworks or use sparklers to celebrate. The children were taught about a variety of ways to stay safe around fireworks. Throughout the week, the children have enjoyed exploring different ways of creating firework art. We have used metallic pens, glitter and glue and even cut up toilet rolls and paint! In the rainbow room the children had the opportunity to draw large fireworks onto mats, using chalk. To finish the week, each child made two biscuits and used icing to decorate the biscuits with fireworks patterns. On Friday afternoon, everyone enjoyed eating their biscuits!

Maths: This week in Maths, the children have learnt another rhyme to help their understanding of the number '5'. They practised accurately counting to 5, using their knowledge of 1:1 correspondence and cardinality. We also discussed the pattern made on a die, which shows the number 5 and that we have 5 fingers on each hand.

Phonics: We have learnt the new digraphs 'ff,' 'll,' and 'ss' as well as the new sound 'j'. The children have also been busy learning some new tricky words this week! Our new tricky words are: 'put,' 'pull,' 'full' and 'as.'

Reading: Reading groups have begun this week. The children will be reading their book three times with an adult in school before they bring it home, meaning they should know it well. Your child will bring home a wordless book or a book containing CVC words (e.g p-i-n) on a Friday. Please practice 'reading' with your child and sign their reading record on the days you have heard them read. We will collect in the children's reading wallet (containing their record, reading book and library book) on a Tuesday, please ensure they bring them to school on a Tuesday morning.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Reception Team