

## Reception Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have been recapping the phase 2 sounds **i, n, d, g** and **c** and practised blending the sounds together to read words. We have also been practising reading the Phase 2 tricky words **is, I** and **the**. We have been forming the letters **c** and **k**. Please keep practising these sounds with your child at home, little and often is usually the best! Next week, we will be learning the sounds **ff, ll, ss** and **j** and will be forming the letter **e** and the digraph **ck**. We will be learning the new tricky word 'as.' Please keep sharing your child's reading book at home and sign next to the book title in their reading diary with a comment of how they have done with their reading book at home. We will aim to change the reading scheme books once a week. Please ensure that your child's reading book comes back to school each day in their reading packet as this book is also used to listen to your child read at school throughout the week.

This week in Numeracy, we have been exploring simple patterns and developed our understanding and concept of the word pattern. We have been learning that a pattern is a repeated unit and can be both visual and auditory. We have been busy making our own repeating patterns using objects and encouraged the children to join in with repeated patterns in sound patterns and rhymes and we noticed the patterns in stories where words were repeated. You could encourage your child to point out any repeating patterns in their home or when out and about in the environment. Next week we will be exploring different representations of 1, 2 and 3.

In topic we have enjoyed learning all about Bonfire night. We enjoyed discussing what Bonfire night means and why some people celebrate Bonfire night. We created our own firework paintings with exciting colours and glitter and wrote the sounds that the fireworks made! Next week, we will be learning all about the celebration of Diwali. If you celebrate Diwali and would like to share your experiences and photographs with us then please let us know via your child's home/school book as we would love to show them to the Reception children and share your celebrations with the class.

This week's 'Talking Topic' is: **I can tell you all about Bonfire Night and why some people celebrate this day.**

Following on from our learning during maths, this week's word of the week is: **Pattern**

This week's class reader: Sparks in the Sky



We would like to invite you to attend for your child's open door session when you can enjoy spending time with your child, exploring the provision in their classroom environment. Open door will start at 2:30pm and will finish at 3pm when we will begin to get the children ready

for home at the usual time. If you are unable to join us but would like to send another willing family member or friend instead, you are very welcome to do so. To enable you to enjoy sharing activities with your child in our classroom space, we would like to request that there is a maximum of 2 adults per child. If you do not have any childcare and need to bring younger siblings along, you are welcome to do so but due to our open door sessions being very busy, we would like to ask that any prams are not brought into the classroom and left near the office if you do need to bring your pram to school. The open door sessions will be on two different dates and the one that you attend will depend on the class that your child is in.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2:30-3:00pm** will be **RM's** open door session and **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2:30-3:00pm** will be **RV's** open door session. If you have any questions at all regarding our open door sessions, please just ask.

If you do have any concerns or questions do not hesitate to write them in your child's orange home/school book.

Many thanks

Miss Mason, Miss Vine and Mrs Rothwell