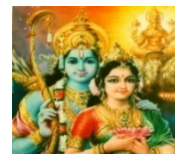


Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 31.10.22

Term 2 topic - Tell me a story Bonfire Night and Diwali



Personal, Social and Emotional Development- In our Jigsaw circle time, we have been talking and thinking about our different interests and talents. We thought about what we are good at and how we all have different interests and skills. We talked about how we can use our strengths and special skills to help each other to learn. We have been practising our 'please' and 'thank yous' during snack time and also Mrs Howell has taught us that if we want to speak to an adult but they are already talking to someone else, that we can hold their hand so that they know we are waiting.

Communication and Language- We have had lots of discussions about what we got up to over the half term holiday and lots of us have been busy celebrating Halloween and Bonfire Night this week. We learnt why we celebrate Bonfire Night and all about King Charles 1 who would not let the Catholic people pray in their churches. Guy Fawkes and his friends plotted to blow up the Houses of Parliament with 36 barrels of gun powder. Following on from a PowerPoint presentation we also talked about how the festival Diwali is celebrated in a similar way to how Christians celebrate Christmas and New Year.

Physical Development- As the weather is getting cooler, we are ensuring our outside play sessions are very active. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing to go outside each day. We try to go out in all weathers, and this is made much easier for us if the children have their own appropriate outdoor wear and wellingtons in school all week. We will be continuing with 'dough disco' next week, which helps to strengthen our muscles, and this helps us with our writing, drawing and playing. Our 'Squiggle' is helping us to listen, follow instructions and develop our gross motor movements. In PE this week we learnt that it is important to warm up our muscles before we start exercising. We remembered all the different ways we could move around the hall to the music: galloping, skipping, jogging, hopping, jumping, hop scotching, side stepping, using giant steps and marching using opposite arms and legs. We realised that after exercising we felt hot, out of breath and our hearts were beating faster. We reflected on what we were especially good at and what we thought we needed to practise.

Literacy- We are continuing to learn lots of new sounds to help us to begin reading and writing. This week we learnt 'k', 'u' and 'b'. We used 'm', 'a', 's', 'd', 't', 'i', 'n', 'p', 'g', 'o' and 'c' to blend and segment VC and CVC words including, 'mat', 'at', 'mad', 'sad', 'dad' and 'sat'. This week we have been drawing pictures and writing a sentence about what we did during the half term holiday. We have been saying our sentence out loud, counting the number of words in our sentence and writing down the sounds we can hear in each word. We are working hard to remember that we use a capital letter at the beginning of a sentence, finger spaces between each word and a full stop at the end of our sentence.

Mathematics- We have continued to practise counting in 1s to 20, recognising our numbers to 10, forming our numbers correctly, counting up to 10 and back down again, saying what is one more and one less than a given number, and using our fingers to show amounts. We have been thinking about sets of numbers up to 3 this week, made our own sets and matched quantities to numerals.

We used real objects to compare sets, talking about which set had more or fewer or the same amount. We also looked at some different rangoli patterns and had a go at creating some repeating patterns as a class.

Understanding the World- We have loved learning about Diwali and had great fun painting our Diya lamps in bright colourful patterns. We learnt that the festival of Diwali is the festival of light and colour. We have learnt how Diwali is celebrated and have enjoyed hearing about the reason why we celebrate Bonfire Night. The story of Guy Fawkes is very exciting!

Expressive Arts and Design- We have had lots of different experiences during our Bonfire Night and Diwali week – re-enacting the story of Rama & Sita using the masks, making diya lights by painting glass jars and adding glitter, creating Rangoli patterns and printing fireworks using cardboard tubes. We also love to explore paint freely, model with different textures and colours of playdough, engage ourselves in the small world in the classrooms and build creatively in the construction. Talk to us about what we have done this week.

Supporting learning at home

- Have a chat about why we celebrate Bonfire Night and Diwali, what can the children remember about the stories of Guy Fawkes and Rama and Sita?
- Challenge them to put on their coat and do it up all by themselves!
- Can you spot things beginning with the phonemes we are learning 'k', 'u' and 'b'? Ask your child to tell you the rhyme we learn to help us to write it.
- To help the children to develop their physical skills give your child a challenge! Can they show you all the different ways to move that we practised in PE.

Notes for next week 7.11.22

- Children in Need merchandise can be purchased from the office. Send in the correct money and what you would like in a sealed envelope and we will give it out at the end of the day.
- Water bottle, coat and book bag in school every day, please.
- Remember to bring your library book back on Monday so we can change it.

Have a lovely weekend!