Nursery Bulletin
Friday 6th November 2026

Theme for the week – Fireworks

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely half term. Our new topic is Let's Celebrate – My festivals and Celebrations.

Our learning this week

In phonics this week we looked at pictures of things beginning with the 's' sound, we played games to explore alliteration and games involving oral blending (hearing sounds in words and merging them together to say a whole word eg. c-a-t cat). We sang 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' and played games to explore sounds, syllables, rhyming and alliteration.

On Monday we read the story 'The Quiet Little Firework' which reminded us that being different to others is what makes us special. On Tuesday some children had a go at helping me to retell the story by being the fireworks and saying the sounds they make. On Wednesday we read the story again, said the sounds that the fireworks made which I showed them how to write and some children came out to make marks to show what that firework might look like.

We then explored the percussion instruments, learning their names and how to play them. We watched a video of fireworks, listened to the sound they make and chose instruments to make the firework sounds. Later in the week we explored drawing straight and curved lines with chalk and printing long and short lines with a fork to create a firework picture.

We read the story of 'Firefighter Fred's Bonfire Night Safety Show' and thought about how to be safe around sparklers and bonfires on Fireworks Night. We also thought about why animals might not like Fireworks Night and we went into the woods to build homes for animals to keep them safe using natural materials. We also built our own bonfire, pretended to toast marshmallows (and then ate them!) and waved sparklers, practising what we learnt about safety! We then sang a campfire song around the fire.

In our maths activities we played a game to help us learn to count and say the number names 1, 2, 3 in order. We then sang nursery rhymes where we had to count things in the rhyme such as how many claps and pulls there are in 'Wind the Bobbin Up'.

In PE we learnt to balance a beanbag on different body parts while stationary and on the move and we also learnt what can help us to balance on one leg.

In their child initiated learning the children loved dancing around to some music with the coloured scarves pretending to be fireworks. They enjoyed printing in paint with different tools to create a firework picture. They also built a huge firework with Miss Williams using the connecting balls and straws.

Next Week

Next week it is 'It's Cool To Be Kind Week' and Remembrance Day. We will read 'The Very Helpful Hedgehog' by Rosie Wellesley and other stories to explore the value of kindness. On Tuesday we will be creating some art work to mark Remembrance Day.

Reminders and requests

- Show and Tell is on Monday. No PE next week.
- Monday 9th November – Friends pre-loved clothes collection
- Monday16th November – Shared Reading 9.00 – 9.25
- Application deadline for primary school places – Friday 15th January 2026
- Remember to look at the nursery webpage as well as Tapestry for photos of things we have been doing in class.
- If you have any 6 or 12 egg boxes please send these in.
- Please make sure you cut grapes, olives and other similar foods into halves or quarters before they go in your child's lunchbox.
- If you would like to come in and read a story to the class please let us know by putting a note in the link book. The children love to have visitors!

Home Learning ideas to support your child's early development:

- Reading – see the "Recommended Reads for Preschool and Nursery" book list.

- The 'NHS Best Start in Life' website has ideas for having everyday conversations, playing and reading with your child.
  Learning conversations: 3 to 5 years - Best Start in Life - NHS

- The BBC's Tiny Happy People and the National Literacy Trust's Family Zone

- NSPCC Online Safety for under 5s

Have a lovely weekend!

The Nursery Team


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