

Reception Newsletter

Friday 5th November 2021

Our Learning:

- This week we have started our learning on our new topic 'Sparkle and Shine'. This week we have learnt all about Bonfire Night, fireworks and how to keep safe whilst still having fun! During our child choice time we have made lots of firework themed artwork such as painting, chalk pictures, repeating pattern rockets and fireworks made out of modelling clay. We have also enjoyed creating fireworks out of junk modelling materials, playing in our bonfire night themed role-play and writing some excellent 'fire safety' leaflets!
- This is the web address to something called the 'Welephant club' which we have used in school but you can also use to support your child at home: <https://www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk/your-safety/welephant-club/>.
- This week we have really enjoyed our Read Write Inc. lessons. We have learnt 3 new sounds and some clever phrases to help us to remember how to write them! We have learnt:
 - b— down the laces to the heel, up and round the toe
 - f—down the stem and draw the leaves
 - e—lift off the top and scoop out the egg
- We have also carried out Read Write Inc. assessments. This will help us to group the children in the next few weeks to ensure we are helping them to meet their own personal literacy targets.



Messages:

- Your child will have come home with their Learning Log this week. Learning Logs are the school's way of setting homework for every year group in the school. We do our very best to set activities that your child will find fun and engaging whilst learning about our current topics. Please be aware that we do not expect all activities to be completed— 3 pieces over a half term is sufficient.
- We appreciate that it is very early to be thinking about Christmas. However, in a few weeks time we have a photographer coming into school to take pictures of the children in their Nativity outfits (more information to follow at a later date). Next week, we will be inviting the children to have a say in deciding what parts they would like in our Reception Nativity and you will then receive a letter home with information detailed what outfit your child will need for their chosen part.
- If your child is wishing to use our break sale service please can we ask they come into school with the exact money needed in a named purse or envelope. This service is organised by the school kitchen for all year groups together and children do need to access the service independently so please do consider if you think your child has the independence skills necessary.



Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Philipson, Mrs Higgins, Mrs Bailey and Mrs Anthony