

Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter 6th November 2020

Nursery

Welcome back – we hope you all had a lovely break. The children returned from the half term break beautifully calm, rested, happy, and raring to go! Our topic this term is Colour and Light - we will be learning about colours, pattern, and different celebrations and festivals. This week, to start the topic off, we focussed on Halloween and shared the picture books *Meg and Mog* by Helen Nicoll and Jan Pieńkowski, and *Room on the Broom* by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. We had lots of fun in our Witches and Wizards workshop - making potions, exploring pumpkins, and practising our fine motor and pre-writing skills. We talked about our experiences of Bonfire Night and learnt about Guy Fawkes and discussed the need for safety around bonfires and fireworks. In Maths, we have been practising number recognition and counting accurately to 5 and using the vocabulary of more and less. Other activities the children have enjoyed this week include sharing their holiday news, exploring their name puzzles, construction with large cardboard boxes, taking on different character roles using props linked to the story of *Room on the Broom*, the small world farm and musical instruments. It's been an action packed and fun first week of Term 2!



Reception

We hope you all had a restful and fun half term together. It has been fantastic to see all the children's smiling faces returning to school this week. Reception started their PE lessons with the school's PE coach, Mr Jones this week. Please remember to send your child to school in their PE kit and trainers every Thursday. This week we played a variety of games and explored different ways of moving in PE and demonstrated some super listening skills. We have been busy in the classroom this week reading *Room on The Broom* and creating our own magic potions. The children have also been applying their phonics skills to write potions. We have also talked about Bonfire Night and have been creating lots of different firework pictures using various techniques and of course glitter! This week in phonics we have learnt the sounds 'h' and 'b' as well as revisiting the other sounds we have learnt. The children love singing the Jolly Phonics songs to help them remember the sounds (these can be found on YouTube) and this might be something you want to practice together at home. In Maths we have been comparing the numbers 1,2 and 3, along with different representations of them. Finally we have started a travelling library and the children have enjoyed sharing books together on a Wednesday afternoon.



