



Understanding the World (Past and Present)

This week, the children have been learning about Bonfire Night and why it is celebrated. We talked about Guy Fawkes and what he tried to do. We have also been learning about Remembrance Day and why people wear a poppy. Ask your child if he/ she can remember why we wear a poppy.

Personal, social & emotional development

This week, we have been discussing the ways that we can stay safe during Bonfire Night. The children watched videos about Bonfire Night and spoke about the reasons why we should wear gloves when we hold sparklers and why adults should be the only ones to light fireworks and fires.

Expressive Arts & Design

The children made their own poppy using a pipe cleaner, a red cake case and black felt. The finished creations look really effective.

We also made firework pictures using PVA glue, salt and food colouring on black card.. The children enjoyed using pipettes to apply the food colouring. They talked about the colours mixing and tried to make new colours.

Maths

In Maths this week, we have been learning about repeated patterns. The children made a repeated ABAB pattern using bonfire night pictures. They then looked at ABCABC patterns. We also looked at models of 10 and the different number bonds for 10. The children have been making 10 in different ways using the Rekenreks, part-part whole diagrams and Numicon. The children are developing a good understanding of the concept of a number and what it is made of.

Literacy

This week, we learnt a poem called 'Firework poem' by James Carter. The children made actions to match symbols that represented each part of the poem and the children practised orally rehearsing the poem using our Talk 4 Writing approach. We have started to read The Three Little Pigs as part of our Traditional Tales topic. The children wrote a list for the 3 Little Pigs to help them to remember what they need (straw, sticks and bricks). They also used Colourful Semantics to help them to identify 'who, doing, what, where' in each part of the story.

Understanding the World (The Natural World)

We carried out an investigation to see what would happen if we put oil and food colouring into water. The children made predictions and then carried out the investigation. The food colouring trickled through the oil and sank to the bottom of the water making it look like a firework in a jar. We have also been investigating the best way to get toy animals out of an ice block using salt, water and different tools to try to rescue the animals.

Reminders & Notices

- 'Odd Socks Day' Tuesday 12th November
- Children in Need- Friday 15th November
- Parents Evening Monday 18th November (please remember to book a 5 minute slot to talk to your child's teacher)
- Snack money please £1 each week or £7 for the term

Christmas performances & Christmas crafts

Madagascar= Wednesday 4th December 2pm

Peru= Thursday 5th December 2pm

Thank you for your support! Mrs O'Keeffe & Miss Dutton
Miss McGrath, Miss Glascott & Miss Ryan