



Friday 5th November

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term, the children have made a positive return to school and we are looking forward to another fun filled half term!

Our topics for this half term are 'People who help us' and 'Celebrations'. As mentioned before, this is a chance for the children to talk about any significant celebration they have been a part of. In class this week the focus has been on Diwali and Bonfire Night. It is so important for the children to develop awareness and respect for different beliefs and cultures. We look forward to hearing how the children draw on their own experiences within their families and share these with each other in class discussions. This is also a valuable opportunity for the children to use their listening skills and to learn new vocabulary.

The children enjoyed expressing the sounds of fireworks using rich vocabulary, paints, and musical instruments. Some of the interesting adjectives whizz-popping around the playground were, 'fizz', 'pop', 'sizzle', 'whizz' and 'bang'.



In your child's book bag, you will find their homework folder with two new pieces of homework to complete for phonics and maths. Please return the completed homework on Wednesday 17th November. (New work will be handed out fortnightly on a Friday, to be returned on the second Wednesday.)

Please also note that, from this week, all homework will be posted on google classroom (passwords will be stuck in your child's reading record). If your child is isolating then work activities will also be set for home learning on google classroom.

Your child will now be bringing home their reading book each night. We would like to mention the importance of hearing your child read at home. Children need to have regular opportunities to practise their reading skills in order to become confident readers. We understand that children can sometimes be tired when they get home from school but it is important that they read at home regularly, even if it is just a couple of pages each night. Please make sure that when you have heard your child read, you sign their reading record. Please also ensure that your child's reading book and reading record are kept in their book bags so that they can be heard at school as well. Many thanks for your support with this.

Just a reminder that this term's Star Challenges are due in by Monday 13th December. We look forward to sharing your child's star challenge with the rest of the class. Information about the Star Challenge, can be found in your child's homework folder and on google classroom.

Finally, here is a list of dates for 'show and tell' this term. We would like your child's 'show and tell' to be on the theme of 'Celebrations'.

12th November – Yellow Purwell

19th November – Red Pix

26th November – Blue Hiz

3rd December – Green Ivel

10th December – Yellow Purwell

17th December – Red Pix

Best wishes,

Mrs Shorrock, Mrs Undrell, Mrs Webber and the Reception Team