This Week's Learning

Week Commencing Monday 2nd November 2026

Messages	Hello! I hope you all had a wonderful half term. I am beyond proud of how well the whole class settled into school and how they really got stuck in to their learning in Term 1. It was such a brilliant term all round! This term our new, overarching topic is 'Sparkle and Shine!' we will be learning all about the different celebrations that happen at this time of year. Reminder: This Friday is our first Outdoor Learning day; children need to come dressed for the weather please. You are invited in to come and see our creations and have a look around the classroom from 2:45pm, please enter through the EYFS gate. A very Happy Birthday to Evelyn and Rory who turned 5 in the holidays! 
Maths	This week, the children will continue to engage with activities that underline the purpose of counting – to find out 'how many' objects there are altogether. They will reinforce their understanding of cardinality – that the last number in the count tells us 'how many' things there are altogether in a set of objects – and they will further practice their 1:1 correspondence skill, by counting numbers at the same time as moving or tagging objects.
Phonics	This term we will continue learning the rest of the Phase 2 sounds. For the next few weeks, we will work on consolidating our knowledge of the sounds we learnt last term. Please check your child's reading record book for an assessment sticker so you can support their phonics learning at home.
Topic & Writing	At the end of last term we began our writing practice sessions, with the main focus being correct pencil grip, sitting in a comfortable position for writing and showing control over the pencil. We are using our Little Wandle Patterns practice books for this. This term we will continue with these sessions multiple times a week, you can support your child by encouraging them to hold a pencil in the tripod grip and to have a go at writing their name.
RSHE	This term our topic in RSHE is 'Celebrating Difference'. This week our focus is 'What Am I Good At?' The children will have the opportunity to share what they think they are good at, what their talents are and what activities they enjoy outside of school etc.
Child initiated	This week our focus is Bonfire Night and Guy Fawkes! In our classroom, the children will get to experience enhanced provision with a firework theme including lots of creative activities, a firework theme in our playdough area and mark making on rainbow scratch paper! If you visit a firework display this week please send me a photo on Class Dojo so we can share them with the class!

Book of the Week	This week our focus book is The Quiet Little Firework by Nicola Coppack. This is a heartwarming story about a little firework who is different from the others. While the other fireworks are loud and bright, this little firework is much quieter. The story helps us understand that we are all different, everyone is special in their own way, and we don't have to be the loudest or brightest to shine.	