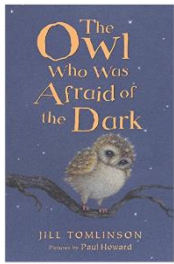


What we have enjoyed this week ...



This week, we have been thinking about Bonfire Night and Remembrance. On Monday, the children enjoyed watching a fireworks display on the interactive white board. They looked carefully at the different shapes that the fireworks made and produced some fantastic pictures of different fireworks with black paper and paint.

After discussing bonfire night in some detail, everyone decided that they didn't really know why we celebrated Bonfire night and wanted to find out. After conducting some research, the children discovered that King James I decided to have a celebration after stopping a plot (by Guy Fawkes and his friends) to blow up the houses of parliament.

During 'Story Time' we have started to share the story of 'The Owl who was afraid of the Dark'. In the story, Plop, the baby barn owl, does not like the dark and is challenged by his mummy to go and find out more about it. During the first chapter, Plop discovers that dark is exciting, after meeting a little boy collecting wood for his bonfire. All the children did an excellent job of using their imaginations to picture what was happening in the story. Well done everyone!

Later in the week, we read the second chapter of 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'. In this chapter, Plop visited an old lady and found out that dark is kind. The lady said that the dark helped her remember all the lovely things that she had experienced in her life. This linked really well with our work on Remembrance Day. The children all thought about what they liked to remember in the dark and about the brave men and women that look after lots of people around the world. They wore their poppies with pride in church today for the Remembrance Day service.

We will continue to read chapters of this story during our 'Carpet Time' over the course of the next few weeks.

Phonics Parent Workshop

There will be a phonics workshop for parents on Monday 21st November. The workshop will provide you with more information about how we teach phonics. Phonics enables children to begin to read and write. This will enable you to

support your child in their reading and writing activities at home. Please see letter sent home by Mrs Garner.

Nativity

With only a few weeks to go until the festive season is upon us, we have started to prepare for our nativity play. Our nativity this year is entitled 'Whoop-a-Daisy Angel'. The children have enjoyed listening to the songs in class this week. We have sent home a letter with the dates of the performances along with a copy of the songs for them to practise at home.

Come and See

Our 'Come and See' for this half term will be on Tuesday 13th December at 1.30pm. Parents and carers are invited to come into school to share some of the experiences in which the children have been taking part during this half term. Please sign in at the main entrance on arrival at school. The children will present some of the topics explored this half term and there will be an opportunity to engage in a range of activities with your child. Please do not worry if you cannot attend due to other commitments. We always ensure that all children have the opportunity to work with an adult.

Homework

During our Morning Maths sessions, we have been practising forming our numbers correctly. In order to support this, for homework, I would like your child to complete the number formation sheet in their Learning Diary. If your child can form their numbers confidently using the sheet, they can 'have a go' at forming the numbers free hand.

