



## Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 6th November 2017

Dear Parents

We welcomed the children back on Monday and enjoyed hearing all about their exciting holiday escapades. It was wonderful to see such an assortment of sports personalities yesterday and we are very grateful for all the contributions made to Special Olympics Norfolk.

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries shared the idea of us all liking to feel needed through the story of *Sidney the Spider*. In bird family meetings, children thought about what it meant to be a member of the Kingfisher, Avocet, Barn Owl or Peregrine family and were encouraged to create a poster all about it.

This half term we will continue to share stories written by Julia Donaldson. *Night Monkey* *Day Monkey* was the perfect story to help us think about winter days and fireworks.

### **Maths**

We have been adding sets of objects. We rolled dice to determine a number of bananas to feed to Night Monkey and Day Monkey. We then added the total together and wrote the corresponding number sentence. Your child should be able to show you how they make addition, subtraction and equals signs using their arms. We talked about the fact that when we add a number gets bigger, and when we take away it gets smaller.

### **Literacy**

Fireworks have given us inspiration to write onomatopoeia words. We practised our handwriting skills by tracing carefully over fireworks patterns. We used our phonetic knowledge to have a go at writing words to describe the sounds the fireworks make. Our letters this week have been u, b and f.

### **Other lessons and activities**

This week, we discussed Guy Fawkes and bonfire night. Some of the children enjoyed making and creating their own fireworks pictures. We also talked about Remembrance Sunday and the children had the opportunity to make a poppy. In PE, we made up our own firework dance moves, moving our bodies to the rhythm of the music.

Over the weekend you might like to ask your child to sing some of our Christmas songs that we have been learning throughout the week. You also might like to practise some simple addition problems using loose parts.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November:** Flu immunisations for children in Reception to Year 4

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – 4.00pm:** Christmas Fayre

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – 9.00am - 9.45am:** Reception Christmas Production in the Read Hall

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** 'Wear a Christmas Jumper Day' (in aid of Special Olympics Norfolk)

With our best wishes from Mrs Alexandre, Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing and Mrs Harries

*Melanie Harries*