

## Week Beginning: 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Thank you so much for attending the parent consultations before half term. Your involvement is incredibly valuable, as it gives us a chance to discuss your child's progress, share insights and strengthen our partnership in supporting their development. These conversations help us tailor our approach and ensure we're working together to create the best learning experience for your child.

### This week, we will be learning about...

#### **Topic:**

We will be learning about Bonfire Night traditions. As part of this, we will share some bonfire poems/songs and create some firework inspired artwork. Excitingly, we will get to visit the forest area to have our own campfire celebrations, and we will discuss how to take reasonable risks so that we are safe while doing this. As part of our eco-curriculum, we will visit the pond to observe living things in a natural environment.

#### **Phonics:**

We will learn to recognise the sounds ff (puff), ll (bell), ss (mess), j (jellyfish). Using familiar sounds, we will learn to orally segment and blend CVC and CVCC (consonant-vowel-consonant-consonant) words. The tricky words we will be learning are: put, pull, full, as.

#### **Maths:**

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 practise their 1:1 correspondence skill, by counting numbers at the same time as moving or tagging objects.

#### **How you could help your child at home:**

- Read with your child at least 3x a week. We will begin to send books home containing words that use the sounds your child has learnt, as and when they are ready for these. Practice identifying the sounds and blending them together.
- Daily practise of the phonemes we have learnt so far.
- When tidying up, set counting challenges, e.g. Who can find 5 Lego blocks and put them in the bucket? Use your fingers to show the quantity required.
- Each child will be given a phonics sheet this week that includes the phrases used to form each letter we learnt last half term. Use a paintbrush with water outside, chalk, ribbons in the air, or trace letters in sand or rice to practise letter formation at home.

#### **Reminders:**

- Please return reading books on a Friday and library books on a Wednesday.
- **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Fulbourn – parent helpers needed
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 8:30-9:00am** - EYFS Maths Morning Stay and Play - come along to the EYFS classrooms and enjoy a range of maths activities with your child.

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