



Southridge First School



Nursery Newsletter 8th November 2019

Welcome back! It has been lovely to hear all the children's news from their holidays this week and they have all settled straight back into our routines. Thank you to everyone for attending the parent consultations this week and before the holidays. It is always important for us to hear your views on how your child is settling in, after all, you know them best!

The children were very excited to tell us about the fireworks they had seen over the weekend. For our 'Monday Challenge' this week we headed up to our forest area and built our own bonfire. We had to find lots of sticks and branches and fit them together to create a pyramid shape. It provided a great opportunity to talk about how to move long branches safely and asking friends to help us. Once it was built we pretended to light it and talked about how to stay safe around fire. We ended by singing songs around our camp fire. This week we also looked at videos of fireworks and talked about the children's own experience of them. We thought about the shapes, colours and sounds they made, then created our own firework display with the children being the fireworks. They were fabulous!



We have been looking at the number 3 this week. Many of the children were very excited to tell us, "That's my number!" We had a go at holding up the correct number of fingers to go with this number and have looked at the formation rhyme to help us write it.

Around the tree and around the tree,
That's the way we make a three.

We began learning our first letter sound in Phonics this week. We have been learning about the phoneme /i/ and the sound it makes in words like insect, invitation, ink and internet. It is a short bouncy sound. We use the picture to help us remember this sound and the formation rhyme to help us write it: down the body and dot for the head. Our sound next week is /l/.



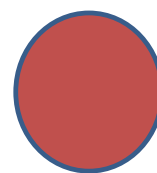
In our Maths groups this week we have been looking at 2D shapes and learning some shape rhymes. Here are two of our rhymes which you can practise at home and see if you can spot these shapes anywhere.



Sammy Square is my name, my four sides are all the same,

Turn me round, I don't care,
I'm always the same, I'm Sammy Square.

I'm Suzy Circle, I'm happy as can be,
I go round and round, can you draw me?



To link with our firework theme this week the children have been making their own firework pictures using taped together straws, these have looked really effective and have been a very popular activity this week. We also made our own edible sparklers this week using breadsticks. We dipped them in icing then sprinkled them with hundreds and thousands to make them bright and colourful.

Dates for your Diary

Children in Need - Friday 15th November. The children can come to school in sportswear (spots are optional) and are asked to bring a small donation towards Children in Need. We will be taking part in an exercise challenge and cooking a simple healthy snack.

Polling Day 12th December - Nursery will be closed for the day.

Stay and Play Cancelled. Because of Christmas performance practise and polling day we are going to postpone our stay and play until January. Look out for dates in the newsletter.

Remember to collect a 'wow moment' slip from the basket in the Nursery corridor. We love to be able to share the children's achievements from home. Some lovely previous examples are - I slept in my own bed all night.got ready all by herself this morning. I was helpful at home by tidying up my toys. I helped lay the table.

Many thanks for all the emails this week. Please continue to send anything for your child's learning journey to Helen.mason@ntlp.org.uk Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday.

The Nursery Team