



## Spring Grove Primary School

### Reception Homework and News

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Reception have spent the week revisiting what they know about fireworks and talking about why they may have heard them again over the weekend. We talked about famous London landmarks such as The Gherkin and asked the children what they recognised from images of the London skyline. Many children were familiar with The London Eye and Big Ben and discussed their experiences with these places. We drew the children's attention to the Houses of Parliament and asked if they knew any stories from the past which may explain the exciting fireworks they had seen. We told the children the story of Guy Fawkes and how some people celebrate his failed plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament by letting off fireworks and building bonfires. We talked about the different sounds that could be heard whilst watching a firework display and the children did a great job of using the sounds they know to write some of them down. The children also enjoyed creating firework art by mixing colours and printing using cut up tubes and pipe cleaners. They added lots of glitter as a finishing touch to really bring their pictures to life! The children used silver and gold pens to write the firework words on to the paper and they are now proudly displayed on our wall.

This week, we read the book 'Pumpkin Soup' by Helen Cooper, a story about sharing and friendship which the children really loved. They created masks so they could role play as the book characters and enjoyed talking about how they were feeling in different parts of the story. The children impressed us with their recall of the book, remembering key information from the text and demonstrating their improving comprehension. We also spent some time talking about some of the unfamiliar vocabulary that we read and discussing the meaning of these words.

As we were reading a book about pumpkins, we decided to look at some pumpkin art too! The children thought that Yayoi Kusama's pumpkins were wonderful, and enjoyed discussing the colours and the patterns she had used to create them. The children created their own pumpkin art inspired by her work, carefully using their fingers, cotton buds and the end of paint brushes to replicate the dot patterns that have become so synonymous with her art. Next week we will continue to be inspired by Yayoi Kusama as we create an outside class display.

In PSHE, we have been celebrating our differences and encouraging the children to share the things they are good at. The children soon realised how different these things were and that's part of what makes us all unique. It was so lovely to hear all of the positive things they had to say about themselves and the things they are proud of that they can do well. We created a paper chain showcasing all of the great skills the children have, which included their art and a photograph of them. We put this on the wall to remind everyone, including the children, how great they are at so many things!

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Ideas to support your child at home-

- The children have been quickly moving through the sounds in our phonics lessons and we are very impressed with their hard work. Please find your child's sound to practise on Google Classroom. Please bear in mind that different children have different sounds to work on.
- We love to see the progress the children are making with their reading! Please continue to write comments in your child's reading record to share how they are doing at home.

Have a brilliant weekend!

Mrs Lloyd, Miss Manlow and Mrs Kotecha :)