



Week beginning: 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Class R weekly newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week is FIRE week in Reception, linked in part to Bonfire Night but also we will be discussing forest fires and possibly even dragons! We are currently completing a computer-based Baseline assessment with your child - here is a video link to some more information about this. This is a new assessment that we have been asked to do with children as they start Reception (this year, we are doing them slightly later due to the lockdown earlier in the year):

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7CMu\\_Ef1Zs&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7CMu_Ef1Zs&feature=emb_title)

In our CP, we have a bonfire scene with small world people and loose parts to create our own fires; we also have fire engines and firefighters at the ready just in case! We have firefighter dressing up available. We also have a 'forest fire' Lego kit to build and explore. We will be making our own 'fires' outside using twigs and sticks, making pretend sparklers and creating art work using fiery colours. To encourage fun with phonics, we have set up a pirate and treasure game where the children read the words on the gold coins and decide if they are real or nonsense words. This is a game from a website I recommended called 'Phonics Play' - have a go online too! We are also discussing 'when we were little' and looking at baby photos, as well as deciding what we are now good at. We have an area of our CP set up for Remembrance Day, with soldiers and a pretend battlefield; we will also be making poppies.

### Learning

In Literacy, we will be reading an online story called 'Sparks in the Sky' to encourage bonfire night discussion. We will be discussing fire safety and firefighters and/or dragons too - depending on the children's interests. We continue phonics, with this week's focus sounds being: l & ll, f & ff & ss. We will be blending and segmenting words and captions with phonics / tricky words in.

Please make sure you comment in your child's reading record book so we know you have read at home with them. I have asked the children to remind you to read (every other night if you can't make every night) as it is vitally important to help them progress. We do read in school 1:1 with each child each week but, as you can imagine, it is much more difficult to read with 30 children and spend as much time with them as we would like. Therefore, the only homework task this week is to READ!!

In Maths, we are learning about 1 more and 1 less (up to 5) and number bonds to 5.

Outdoor Learning On Monday afternoon's Nature Walk, we will be looking at how the local area has changed as Autumn is progressing.

Home Learning Please send us baby photos, if you haven't already.

Homework - see above! There will be 'f' and 'l' phonics sheets to do at some point - no rush.

Send your Wow moments to: [newstarters@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:newstarters@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk)

Kind Regards, Mrs Boon and the EYFS team

Notes: I will be out all day Wednesday (starting my Forest School training) and there will be a supply teacher called Mrs Matthews. I will be off as usual on Thursday but will be back on Friday!

Reports will be sent home on Monday (in book bags) - look out for these.

Friday is Children in Need - wear SPOTS or YELLOW.