



Week beginning: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Class R weekly newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week, our theme is all about STARS and DARKNESS. Mrs Jones has made a lovely display of 'what makes me shine' where we have written what the children are good at on gold stars and they have added their names. We also have some new and exciting CP. We have a 'camping under the stars' role play area and a lovely new 'story shelf' with familiar stories and props to help the children retell these stories - or make up their own. This area aims to develop and enhance imagination. We are creating our own stars using loose parts - and even plan to use eco-friendly glitter! We will be reading the Oliver Jeffers story 'How to catch a star' and discussing / writing about how we plan to catch our own star. We have information books out about stars and planets.

This week, we will also be starting to learn the Nativity play songs - so be prepared for lots of singing at home! We plan to video this on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December (and show it to our Year 6 buddies) and will be sending it home to you shortly after that.

### Learning

In Literacy, we are reading books to encourage discussion about the dark (and some children's fears of the dark): *Orion and the Dark* / *Can't you sleep, Little Bear?* We are also reading 'How to Catch a Star' which is a lovely story by Oliver Jeffers - we will be leading into some writing, using and applying our phonic knowledge after reading this. We continue phonics: we have now learnt all of the Phase 2 sounds and will be consolidating these, practising blending and reading simple captions / sentences. We will also be learning to form the letters correctly.

In Maths, we are learning number 6 using the Numberblocks; we will be using dice and dominoes to practise 'subitising' (recognising small numbers without counting), playing games with dice and dominoes, learning that 6 is 1 more than 5 and learning the pairs of numbers that total 6.

Mrs Jones will be teaching PSHE: the importance of being active, as well as some sewing in Design Technology!

Outdoor Learning On Monday's Nature Walk, following my brilliant Forest School session, we will be collecting and identifying leaves to help me make a tree/leaf scrapbook.

Home Learning I have added new activities to Busy Things, including making a firework picture.

Homework - reading please! Phonics sheets in homework folders from last week. Number 6 activity sheet.

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 again (Forest School training) and there will be the same supply teacher called Mrs Matthews. I will be off as usual on Thursday but will be back on Friday!*

*I will be making phone calls / Zoom calls to those parents who have requested this on Monday afternoon, to discuss reports in more detail.*

