

Pear Class Weekly Bulletin

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that the first half term has already come to an end. The weeks have absolutely flown by! Mr Brightman and I are overjoyed by how well every child has settled into nursery and become a valued member of our class. We are so proud of the confidence, friendships and independence that have blossomed in such a short time. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help your children thrive.

We have had another busy and exciting week in Pear Class. The children have thoroughly enjoyed our cooking activities and were very proud to take their creations home to share with you. We also made soup this week and enjoyed tasting it together at nursery. Every child who attended gave it a try, which was fantastic! As you might imagine, opinions were mixed, with some children loving it and others deciding it was not quite for them. We are always proud of the children for being willing to taste new foods and explore different flavours.

After the half-term break, our new topic will be Celebrations and Festivals and we are starting with ✨ **Sparkles in the Sky** ✨. During our first week back, we will be learning about **Diwali** and **Bonfire Night**, exploring how people celebrate these special occasions through stories, art, music and creative activities.

Literacy Focus

Phonics:

Children will be developing their listening skills by **tuning in to sounds**. They will listen carefully to different "firework" sounds and respond with an action, word or movement.

Poem of the Week:

🌀 *Zoom, Zoom, Zoom*

Author of the Half Term:

📖 *Shirley Hughes*

Featured Story:

🏠 *Alphie Gets in First*

Books of the Week:

📖 *Lighting a Lamp*

🌸 *The Quiet Little Firework* by Nicola Coppack

Maths Focus

We will continue our work on **the number 2**, with a particular focus on **counting**. The children will explore counting objects accurately, recognising groups of two and using their counting skills in practical, play-based activities.

As the half term progresses, we will continue our learning around **Celebrations and Festivals**, including **Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day (Poppy Day), Birthdays** and, dare I mention the 'C' word'... **Christmas!** 🎄

Reminder

Can I remind you that our next **Curriculum Day** is on **Thursday 26th November**, when we will be focusing on **Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)** and making **Christmas decorations**. We are looking forward to welcoming you into nursery and sharing in the children's creativity.

We hope you all have a wonderful, restful half-term break filled with fun, family time and plenty of opportunities to make special memories.

Have a lovely half term. We look forward to seeing you all in November!

Best wishes,

Mrs Tomes-Rolt 💧

✧✧ *Thank you for your continued support and for helping us make such a fantastic start to the year.*