Welcome back! We were delighted to see the children return so happily after the half-term break. They have settled back into nursery beautifully and have enjoyed exploring our "Sparkles in the Sky" topic. The children have been learning about Bonfire Night and Diwali, sharing stories, creating colourful artwork and talking about special celebrations with their friends. It was also lovely to have the opportunity to share your child's achievements and progress with you at Parents' Evening this week. Thank you for taking the time to meet with me and celebrate all the wonderful learning taking place.

Next Week's Topic

Little Hands, Big Hearts: A Week of Poppies, Kindness and Remembrance

Next week we will be learning about **Remembrance Day**, kindness and caring for others. Through stories, creative activities and discussions, the children will explore how small acts of kindness can make a big difference in our community.

Maths

We will be investigating **patterns**, spotting repeating sequences and creating our own simple patterns using a variety of resources.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

Our focus will be:

"I can tell you one way I am special and unique."

The children will be encouraged to celebrate their individuality and talk about the qualities that make them special.

Communication and Language

We will be developing our ability to:

Express thoughts and feelings

Through circle times, stories and group discussions, children will have opportunities to share their ideas, experiences and emotions with confidence.

Literacy

We will be continuing to develop early writing skills and nurture a love of books through a range of engaging activities, including:

- Poppy-shaped writing paper
- A variety of mark-making materials
- Books about community helpers and friendships

Understanding the World

We will begin to make sense of our community and the wider world by:

- Looking closely at real flowers and photographs
- Talking about people who help us in our community
- Exploring symbols such as the poppy and what it represents

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be creating their own beautiful **poppy artwork** using a variety of creative materials and techniques.

Quiet Reflection and Poppy Parade

The children will gather together to look at the wreath and poppies they have created. We will share a short quiet moment of reflection and celebrate the children's wonderful work during our **Poppy Parade**.

Poem of the Week

I Had a Little Turtle

We will enjoy learning and reciting this fun poem together throughout the week.

Author of the Half Term

Shirley Hughes

We will be sharing the story:

An Evening at Alfie's

Book of the Week

Kind by **Alison Green**

This inspiring story will help us explore themes of friendship, compassion and kindness towards others.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting week of learning, creativity and discovery in Pear Nursery.

Ideas for Home

To support this week's learning, you might like to:

Go on a Pattern Hunt
Look for patterns around your home or on a walk. Can your child spot patterns on clothing, fences, paving stones or leaves? Try making your own repeating pattern using toys, blocks or natural objects.

❤ Talk About Kindness
Discuss simple ways to show kindness to family, friends and neighbours. Encourage your child to share one kind thing they have done or experienced each day.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Tomes-Rolt