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Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to James and his family who joined us this week.

We have had lots of fun in Nursery, learning all about 'fireworks' and 'bonfires' and how to keep safe around them. Thank you to everyone for returning the Christmas cards; they will all be ordered and I will let you know as soon as they are returned to us.

What have we done this week?

Physical Development

We enjoyed dancing around the garden with multi-coloured tinsel pretending to be fireworks. We also used shredded paper to make our own indoor sparklers; these were great fun and the children loved waving them around pretending to have a firework display.



Communication and Language

Children worked together as a group to create a beautiful bonfire display complete with glittery fireworks. Whilst doing this we discussed the colours and sounds fireworks make. Children used words such as "whoosh", "bang", "whistle", "loud" and "shhhhhhh." We spoke about how we do not go too close to a bonfire and how we never go back to a firework after it has been lit.



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Expressive Art and Design

We have used different media - straws, paint and glitter to make firework pictures and have enjoyed fireman roleplay.



Understanding the World

We watched a short clip on YouTube of some fireworks; children enjoyed talking to each other about fireworks they had seen before and also more recently. Lots of conversations went along the lines of "When I was going to bed I saw fireworks in the sky and they were loud"! We discussed how, although fireworks are pretty and we like seeing them, some people think they are too loud and a lot of animals get scared by them. We also spoke about hedgehogs hibernating in bonfires and the importance of grown-ups checking for them before lighting the bonfire.

Maths

While making our sparklers we discussed how some paper was long and some was short. Children have shown a lot of interest in counting this week and have been counting lots of things such as how many children are sat at a table, how many children are in a line and also just counting together to see how high they can count. At snack times we have been using language such as "whole" "half" and "quarter" when eating fruit. We also discussed shapes such as "Your cracker is a square" and "The table is a Hexagon."

Literacy

Children have been supported to write their names on paper using a glue stick and then shaking glitter over the glue to see their names magically appear like a firework! Some children are still really excited about "putting on shows" for everyone to watch; this week we had a lovely show by Margot about Dinosaurs which soon turned into a show about fireworks with all the children joining in making firework noises whilst watching Mrs G putting up their bonfire display. Margot handed out lots of cards with Dinosaurs to her audience and then told everyone what their cards said about her show.





Personal, Social and Emotional (PSE)

We had a new tea set and play food in nursery this week and the children have all played together in groups to set up cafés, shops and tea parties together. Older children have supported younger children with this area of learning. They have been sharing, taking turns and creating some wonderful games together.

Important Dates:

- 11th November** - **Remembrance day**
- 13th November** - **Children in Need – Children can wear their own clothes including something spotty for a £1 donation**
- 16th-20th November** - **Nursery Rhyme Week**
- Christmas carols via Zoom** - **(Date and time to be confirmed)**

Mrs Beresford, Mrs Griffiths, Miss Makey and Mrs Wagstaff

