



Little Phoenix



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Mrs Speight's message ...

I do hope you had a wonderful relaxing half term. It was lovely welcoming the children back, hearing their adventures and tales of trick or treating! November has started with gusto, Diwali was celebrated with the children enjoying a special assembly. Culinary delights were cooked in the kitchen with a celebratory lunch. Thanks to Wendy and the Catering Team for ensuring that we had the most wonderful Diwali spread at lunch time and following this, delicious snacks before home time. Guy Fawkes Day should not be forgotten and the children benefited from many activities to celebrate this event. I wonder who can remember his famous plot? Finally, it would be remiss of me not to mention our new car park, I'm sure you'll agree it's marvellous, such a fantastic new addition to our school where all can park safely. If you haven't already tried it out, please do so. The feedback we have received has been extremely complimentary. Congratulations to Mr Hodgson, our Estates Manager who has worked tirelessly on this. As always, have a relaxing weekend. Warmest wishes

Joanne Speight



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Firework Science

With Diwali and Bonfire night in mind, the children carried out an investigation to make some fireworks of their own! Not the explosive kind, but bursts of liquid colour. Our focus was to listen carefully to instructions and carry out the experiment independently. Ever curious about the world around them, the children asked questions and were able to hypothesise about what was happening. Super scientists!



Bonfire Night

The sudden cold weather and darker afternoons gave the perfect opportunity for the children in Reception to celebrate Bonfire Night. After toasting marshmallows on the campfire, the children enjoyed practising their phonics skills by writing graphemes using sparklers. Subsequently we enjoyed shared reading by the fire. The perfect autumn treat!



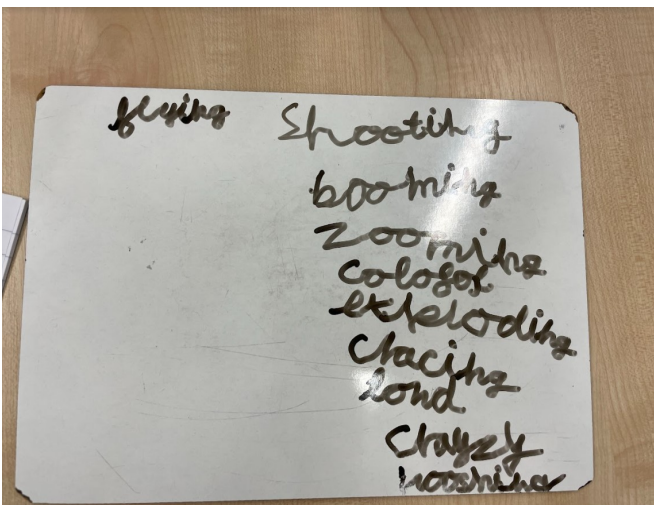
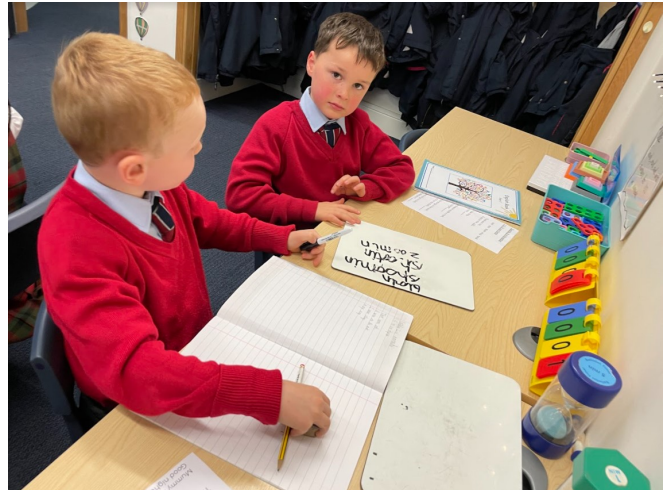
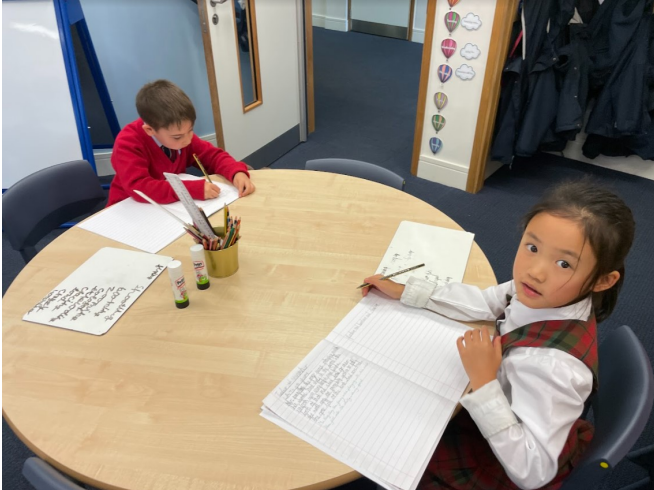
Festivals of Light

What an exciting first week back in Nursery! There are many things to celebrate this week including Diwali and Bonfire Night. The children have enjoyed exploring how we celebrate these festivals of light. One of our focus stories has been 'Little Glow', by Katie Sahota. This text tells the story of a candle flame burning in the window of a house and the different light celebrations it observes happening on this wonderfully diverse street. There have been many activities for the children to explore these festivals including painting, mark making in glitter, investigating patterns with coloured sand and of course, dancing with colourful streamers.



Firework Rhyme

The Year 2 children have been looking at rhymes in different story books. We started writing some rhyming pairs based on a video we watched of the London firework display and were amazed by the zooming and booming! Afterwards, we transformed some of our rhyming pairs into sentences. As a challenge, we started writing rhyming couplets too!





Christmas Holiday School

Monday 20th December —
Wednesday 22nd December

Information to follow from
Miss Whitehouse

Calendar 2022/2023

Autumn Term, 2022

- Preparation Day Tuesday, 30th August 2022
- New Pupil Induction Day Wednesday, 31st August 2022
- All pupils return Thursday, 1st September 2022
- ½ term begins Friday, 14th October 2022 (after school)
- Pupils return Monday, 31st October 2022
- Finish Wednesday, 14th December 2022 (after school)

Spring Term, 2023

- Pupils return Thursday, 5th January 2023
- ½ term begins Thursday, 16th February 2023 (after school)
- INSET 1 Friday, 17th February 2023
- Pupils return Monday, 27th February 2023
- Finish Friday, 31st March 2023 (after school)

Summer Term, 2023

- Pupils return Thursday, 20th April 2023
- Bank Holiday Monday, 1st May 2023
- ½ term begins Thursday, 25th May 2023 (after school)
- INSET 2 Friday, 26th May 2023
- Pupils return Monday, 5th June 2023
- Finish Friday, 7th July 2023

Dates For Your Diary

Reception phonics session with parents-

9th November 8.50am - 9.20am

Year 1 phonics session with parents -

11th November 8.50am - 9.20am

Bring someone to Nursery -

17th November 2pm - 3.15pm

Christmas Craft Fair - 20th November (senior school)

Reception & Nursery Parents Evening - 29th & 30th November

Year 1 & 2 Nativity* - 1st December, 6pm PAA

Nursery Parents Evening - 2nd December

Year 1 & 2 Parents Evening - 6th & 7th December

Nursery & Reception Nativity* - 7th & 8th December, 2pm Pre-Prep Studio Hall (Audience will be at a reduced capacity)

**Further information to follow shortly*

Notice from Lyndsey—First Aid Lead

Please could I remind you that as a school we follow the Department of Health Guidance on Infection Control in schools. This guidance states that the recommended period of time to be kept away from school for vomiting/ and or diarrhoea is 48 hours from the last episode.

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