



WELFORD-ON-AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL
NURSERY NEWS
8th November 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

During this half term we will be learning about autumn and Festivals. This will include Diwali, St Nicholas Day and Christmas. It is a very busy time of year in school where the usual routines need to be flexible to allow for extra curricula activities such as Christmas performances.

This week has been a memorable week, where we have been very fortunate to be able to move into our new Nursery. The purpose-built modular build is amazing which I am sure you will agree. The children have settled into their new environment with ease and are enjoying the extra space.

This week, we have begun our Festivals theme by talking about fireworks and how these are used across the world in many celebrations and festivals. With many Bonfire Night parties happening last weekend, it was a perfect opportunity to encourage children to talk about what they saw, smelt and heard. We have looked at pictures of firework displays before creating our own fireworks picture using marbles, paint and stick on stars.

The children have been learning how to use the interactive board to create fireworks using handwriting patterns. They have learnt how to change the colours and clear the painting page.

In mathematics we have been revisiting and reviewing numbers 0-6. We have linked our counting skills to fireworks by counting out objects to represent the given number and counting how many fireworks take off into the sky.

In our daily phonics we have begun to learn about letters and their associated sounds. The children have been exposed to the letters s a t. Through multisensory actions and taking part in activities linked to these sounds, children will begin to link the phonetic sound to a letter. When saying the phonetic sound it is important to pronounce it correctly e.g s is 'sss' has in snake, not 'suh'. I am in the process of creating a booklet for you to support your child at home. Phonics will be pitched at the level that children are working within, to ensure that everyone is engaged.

Clothing

Please ensure your child brings a coat to nursery every day. There continues to be many unnamed items of clothing. Please ensure all items are clearly named and jumpers and coats have a big loop to enable your child to become independent.

Beginning of nursery session

A reminder that children should not be arriving at school before 8.40am, unless they are booked for breakfast club. Nursery officially starts at 8.45am. All children should have arrived by 8.55am.

School photographs

Individual photographs will be taken on Monday 11th November. Family groups will also be taken. If your child does not attend on Mondays, you are invited to come along around 8.30am to the school hall where their photograph will be taken. A precise time cannot be given.

If you have any queries about any of the above, please come and see me.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs M Sims
Nursery Teacher