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Reception Newsletter **W/C 10th November 2025**

Dear Reception Families,

Last week the children discussed celebrating with fireworks. They reinacted a firework poem by James Carter using sound words like crack, bang, whizz and fizz and describing words like dazzle, sizzle and sparkle. We also learnt about the celebration of Diwali and the importance of this 'Festival of Lights' for Hindus, Jains and Sikhs. In maths the children began learning how to 'subitise' up to 3 objects. Subitise means knowing how many there are without counting, for example seeing 2 and 1.

Learning

Our topic for this term is 'Fantastic Festivals'.

This week, we will be focusing on Remembrance Day and the significance of poppies during this time.

Our topics are highly influenced by the children's interests therefore activities may change from those planned.

Communication, Language & Literacy:

- We will read the book A Poppy is to Remember by Heather Patterson and create some poppy artwork.
- We will learn some new vocabulary including poppy, peace, wreath, bravery. Can your child show you the actions for these words?
- We will continue to practice the formation of the letters in our names.
- We will continue to practice the formation of the sounds we have learnt.
- We will write initial sounds in words and try to write some CVC words e.g. pin, sat, tap.





Phonics

We will learn some new sounds and practise their letter formation, see below.

We will also learn some new tricky words; **has**, **his** and **her**.

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| <p>v volcano</p>  | <p>Down to the bottom of the volcano and back up to the top.</p> |
| <p>w wave</p>  | <p>Down and up and down and up the waves.</p> |
| <p>x box</p>  | <p>From the top, across the box to the bottom. From the top again, across the box to the bottom.</p> |
| <p>y yoyo</p>  | <p>Down, around the yo-yo and curl round the string.</p> |

Maths:

- We will begin to look at 2D shapes with a focus on circles and triangles.
- We will learn to describe position using vocabulary such as under, behind, inside, next to and on top of.
- We will continue to practice the formation of the numbers 1, 2 and 3.

Other Areas of Learning:

- **UW (Understanding the World)** – We will talk about Remembrance Day and the significance of poppies.
- **PSED (Personal, social and emotional development)**- celebrating differences. We will understand that being different makes us special.
- **EAD (Expressive arts and design)** – We will create poppies in a variety of ways using different materials. We will also create work using circles and triangles, linked to maths.
- **PD (Physical development)**- We will continue our learning about 'Body Management' and moving in different ways.

Notices/reminders:

- This week we are sending home information for any child who is receiving some extra phonic intervention practice in class. Not all children will receive one at this time, please check your child's book bag.
- Next week we are holding Stay & Play sessions every day from 9:00am-10:00am. Please click on your class link to book one slot. We have space for 1 adult per family, per child, with 6 spaces each day.
- **RL** - <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/saxonprimaryschool/1886451>
- **RM** - <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/saxonprimaryschool/1886452>
- A reminder to continue to check Tapestry. Teachers will continue to add any ideas for support at home for your child if required.

- Please continue to read at home; both books for pleasure and also the school reading book. Consistent practice really is the best way to improve familiarity in sound recognition, blending and fluency in reading.

As always please come and see us if there are any concerns or questions, we are happy to help.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Morley, Miss Margetts and Mrs Lewis