# St John Fisher CPS
## Reception Newsletter

**Week beginning 2nd November**

🎆 Welcome Back to Reception – Let the Christmas Countdown Begin! 🎄🌟

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you all had a wonderful half-term break and enjoyed spending some special time together. We cannot believe we are already beginning our second half term in Reception, and with Christmas just around the corner, we have so many exciting things to look forward to! It has been lovely welcoming the children back into school, and they have settled straight back into our routines with big smiles and lots of enthusiasm.

We have started the half term with a bang! 🎆 This week, our learning has been all about Bonfire Night. We briefly explored the story of the Gunpowder Plot, talking about why we remember the 5th of November and some of the traditions we enjoy today. The children have been incredibly creative, making beautiful firework pictures, designing their own colourful fireworks and even creating some fantastic bonfire artwork. 🔥🎨

Our Bonfire Night celebrations continued in Forest School, where the children used sticks and their imaginations to create their very own sparklers! 🌳✨ We also spent time discussing the importance of staying safe around fireworks, sparklers and fires. We were so impressed with the children's knowledge of how to keep themselves and others safe. They remembered so many important rules and shared some brilliant ideas – well done, Reception!

In Maths, we have been carefully building upon all the wonderful learning from before half term. This week, we had a very special job to complete – planning a picnic for the Three Little Pigs! 🐷🧺 The children had to think carefully about how many items we would need, making sure there was enough food and drink for each of the three pigs. It was a fantastic opportunity to practise our counting, matching quantities and problem-solving skills through a fun, practical activity.

In PE, we have been developing our throwing and catching skills, working on our coordination, control and concentration. 🤾 The children were absolutely fantastic, showing brilliant determination and resilience as they practised their new skills. We were especially impressed with how well they listened, followed instructions and encouraged one another. We definitely have some budding sports stars in Reception!

Our Read Write Inc. phonics learning has also continued at full speed! 🔤 We are now placing a real focus on blending sounds together to read words, and it is wonderful to see the children beginning to recognise just how the sounds they have learnt can be put together. Those exciting first steps towards independent reading are well underway, and we couldn't be prouder of their hard work and enthusiasm!

What a brilliant first week back we have had! The children continue to amaze us with their curiosity, kindness and eagerness to learn. We have a very exciting half term ahead, and we cannot wait to share all the wonderful things we have planned.

Well done, Reception – what a fantastic start to our Christmas half term! 🎄❤️🌟

## THIS WEEK IN RECEPTION



## THINGS TO TRY AT HOME

Can you draw a beautiful, colourful firework picture and include:

🎆 3 red fireworks
✨ 4 blue fireworks
🌟 5 yellow fireworks

## IMPORTANT DATES

11th November Rememberance Day
4th December Pantomime
10th December Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Dinner day
15th December Christmas Play

## CERTIFICATE WINNERS



Superstar



Smile



Dojo