Harris Primary School

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

06/11/26

Star Award	Maths Star	Writing Star
Rosie	*Erin*	*Etta*



Poem of the week:
Firework Poem

Wow vocabulary:
whizz, fizz, dazzle, sparkle

Phonics Focus
Our sounds this week:
r h b
Tricky words:
no go

Maths Focus:
The children have been learning that a 'part' and a 'part' makes up a 'whole'. Encourage your children to play with toys that need to be constructed, e.g. building blocks, jigsaw puzzles and pattern blocks.

In Phonics this week, the children have been working hard. They are quickly picking up new sounds and tricky words and are even practising them in their busy time independently! We have also split up into three different groups this week. Having three separate Phonics groups gives the children more focused learning time, in smaller groups, when learning new sounds and tricky words. It also allows us as practitioners to tailor our sessions to the children's learning needs. The children have adapted brilliantly to these new groups and their progression in Phonics so far has been fantastic!

Our Literacy learning this week has been based on *Firework Poem*. We listened to the poem and made up some actions to match the words. The children had some brilliant action ideas and were very enthusiastic when learning the poem. In small groups, the children performed the poem, reciting the words whilst doing the actions. They remembered both the words and actions wonderfully!

This week in Maths, the children have been learning about *wholes* and *parts*. They have explored their own bodies and familiar toys to help them understand that larger objects are made up of smaller parts. Through these activities, the children learnt that a whole is bigger than the parts that make it.

In Understanding the World this week, we have been learning about Bonfire Night and Diwali. We discussed how to be safe whilst watching a firework display and then created our own firework paintings. We also made our own Diwali inspired lanterns, diva lamps and have created lots of pieces of poppy artwork, in preparation for Remembrance Day.

In PSED, we have been discussing what makes us all special. We discussed as a class what we enjoy doing and further had a chat about how everyone's likes are different. We continued with our *My Happy Mind* scheme and learnt about our 'superpowers', which make us special. This week, we discussed love and kindness and what we can do to be kind.

Thank you for your support and have a great weekend,
The Reception Team

Things to remember

- *Library day will be on Mondays. The children will have the opportunity to go to the school library and choose their own book to read for pleasure.*
- *Phonics folders are due back in school on Wednesdays. They will then be sent back out on Fridays.*