

We hope you had a lovely half term and got some rest before the excitement of the lead up to Christmas. This is always a magical time in school. We are starting to learn our songs for the Nursery Rhyme Nativity, which we are performing at 1.30pm in Betchworth Church on Tuesday 10th December. Robins will also be spending the day at Betchworth base on Thursday 5th December to allow us to prepare for the show and to take part in a Christingle assembly led by Rev Anna Moore. North Downs Reception children will decorate a tree for the 'Alternative Christmas Tree Festival', which takes place in Betchworth Church. Full details of Christmas arrangements to follow....but you will be pleased to hear Mrs Prout organises costumes for all!

In the past week, we have...

- Solved firework problems
- Made fireworks
- Used Purple Mash to make firework pictures
- Talked about Bonfire Night
- Started to learn our Christmas songs!

In the next two weeks we will....

- Share Dinosaur books, fiction and non-fiction
- Use our sounds to write words
- Start learning to read and write our common exception words - the, I, no, go, to, into
- Learn to add 2 single digits using dinosaurs.
- Make a rocket and think about how to join materials
- Make firework pictures using lots of glitter!

Home Learning

Children are now bringing home simple reading books to share. Please encourage your child to point to the words as you read together. Monday to Thursday, we are learning new sounds. Do feel free to send in an unbreakable object for the sound of the day. On Fridays, we send their sound book home for you to share. You could encourage your child to form the letters they already know and spell short words using the sounds they have learnt. E.g. cat, mat, pat, rat, pin, tin, in, it, is, cot, got, kit. Please return this on Mondays for the next week.

Odd Socks Day

On Tuesday 12th November we would like to invite the children to wear odd socks for the day, as a way of highlighting National Anti-Bullying Week and celebrating what makes us all unique!



Over the next two weeks, we will be celebrating the wonderful world of READING. Please take time to enjoy reading with your child. How might this look? Perhaps reading quietly in the same room; listening to each other read; sharing reading; reading instructions together; asking questions or just chatting about favourite books or styles. Enjoy!