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Dear Parent/Carer

Autumn term 2
 Numbers & Shapes



Over the next seven and a half weeks we will be enjoying lots of activities around the theme 'Numbers and Shapes' Through the activities planned, we will be developing number & shape recognition, counting skills, practicing writing numbers and drawing shapes, as well as reinforcing colours

We will focus on a different number each week, starting at number 1 and going through to number 8 as it is an eight week term. We will be visiting the other classrooms and our outdoor area looking for (planted) numbers and things we can count, e.g. bikes on the playground, dinosaurs in the grass etc. Can you please encourage and help your child to spot numbers around their home or when you are out and about - always helpful for us if you could jot down in their diaries anything they have spotted so they can share with their friends at carpet - time and we can make a note of in their learning journals.

In recognition of Bonfire night, we will be developing our fine motor skills by using various construction shapes to build model rockets and asking how many blocks/pieces do we need? What colours have we used? Which is the tallest/shortest? Where will it take us?; making junk model rockets, putting numbers on them, using shapes and counting how many we have made.



For Remembrance Sunday, we will be making poppies and counting the petals, recognising the colour red and getting messy with poppy prints.



We will be developing our mark making skills, and pencil control, 'having a go' at writing numbers, as well as sharing number books and learning number rhymes, which is always popular with the children. We will also be sharing stories about Autumn and winter as we build up to Christmas and again, looking at numbers, as we start the exciting count down to Santa's arrival.

Our theme for Christmas will be 'Gingerbread People', making, counting, drawing, stories and the best bit of all - eating!!!! (Watch our Christmas display grow over the weeks) We will also home in on and consolidate understanding of shapes asking What shape are Christmas trees? What shape are the decorations on the tree? And using coloured shapes to create pictures and Play dough to cut out various shapes to name and count.



As we come to the end of term we will be recapping on the all the numbers and colours we have learned, doing simple adding and taking away problems with a Christmas twist, as we hopefully become confident mathematicians! .

These are just a few of the activities we have planned for the children for the second half of our Autumn Term. If you are able to contribute by sending in any details of WOW moments at home as your child talks about or recognises numbers or anything else we would love to see them either pictures or written in your child's diary, thank you.

Ways to help at home-

- * Share books to encourage your child to develop concentration, please feel free to borrow any of our books, we have so many!
- * Ask questions—How many people live in your house, what is your house number, what numbers do you see on our car reg. plate etc.
- * Reinforce counting skills at any opportunity, counting games, people around the table at meal times, wheels on the car etc.
- * Mark making skills, holding a pencil or crayon correctly, making lists, drawing the family, writing a story etc.
- * As always, help your child to develop listening skills, hearing initial letter sounds in words, not letter names, **letter sounds**.
- * Encourage your children to dress/undress independently, so helpful when they start school, PE & putting/taking off coats can take forever.



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