



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for our Autumn 2 topic of “Magical Moments”. Your child will have brought home their Reading Record and three books to share with you. Please ensure they are returned to school next week so they can be changed.

Area	What we have learnt	Ideas to support at home
<b>Topic</b>	We have been learning about Guy Fawkes, the Gunpowder Plot and how we celebrate this event today.	Can your child remember the rhyme about Bonfire Night (remember, remember the fifth of November...)?
<b>Phonics</b>	We have spent our phonics sessions using the skills we have learnt to segment and blend words in preparation for taking our reading books home this week.	Please support your child with reading at home. Encourage them to sound out the letters in a word and blend the sounds together. Write a brief comment in your child’s reading record so we can gauge whether the difficulty of reading book was adequate.
<b>Literacy</b>	We watched fireworks and thought about the different sounds they make. We used our robot arms to sound out these words and had a go at writing them alongside different fireworks (e.g. pop, bang, whizz, boom, whoosh)	When listening to fireworks what noises do they make? Can you make your own soundscape of the fireworks by drawing what you see and labelling the fireworks with different words.
<b>Maths</b>	We have been learning to measure and compare the length of different objects. We also have learnt words to describe capacity (full, empty, half full)	Talk about the length and capacity of different things around the home e.g. which shoe is longer? Which cup has most water in?

Here are some key messages for you;

- Please save any empty shoe boxes for Early Years as we will be using them later in the term for our Fine Art Friday session.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Ward, Ms Del Corso and Mrs Kamanyire