

The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week

In Maths this week, we have learnt all about the number 'one' and represented it in different ways. Our Literacy sessions have been based on the story of 'The Best Diwali Ever' and we have been talking about celebrations in the form Diwali and Bonfire Night. As part of our Diwali learning, we have been exploring Rangoli patterns, Diva lamps, Mehndi hand art and fireworks. We have enjoyed making our own inspired artwork as well as investigating light ourselves with candles and light-up balloons in the dark den. We created our own bonfire in the woods and discussed the importance of keeping safe around fire and fireworks and how we can do so. We made our own safe stick sparklers too! We used a torch to look at Miss Bell-Tye's high visibility jacket and discussed how we can wear them to be seen in the dark. This means we definitely need warm clothes and coats now! We have created firework art with paint and paint water in pipettes. As well as this, we have been practising recognising our names and placing the letters for our names in order.



Next Week

We will continue exploring instrumental sounds and body percussion. We will begin our learning surrounding the story book of 'The Leaf Thief'. In Maths, we will begin looking at the number two. We will concentrate on developing fast recognition of up to 3 objects, without having to count them individually ('subitising'). Our rhyme of the week will be: 1, 2 buckle my shoe. During our afternoons, we will learn about and complete activities for Remembrance Day, Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need.

Learning links at home

- Paint or draw a firework picture. You could use crayons, pens, paint or even glitter and glue!
- Talk about fire and firework safety rules and why they are important.
- Practise getting dressed for a Bonfire Night event. Can you practise zipping up your coat and putting on your hats and gloves?
- Make a model rocket using cardboard tubes and boxes. Talk about the colours you used.