

Reception News

Autumn 1 Week 8 - 27th October 2023

What have we been learning?

- ◆ This week we have been recapping all of the sounds that we have learned during our Phonics sessions this half-term. *We will start learning some more sounds as soon as we come back after the holidays.*
- ◆ In Maths we have been learning a story about “**Freddie 4**” and learning how to write the number 4 correctly. We have also been thinking about the words **heavy** and **light**. We have been holding two objects in our hands and deciding which one is heavy and which one is light. Then we tested our predictions using the bucket scales.
- ◆ We have watched a fireworks display set to music and we also learnt about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate Bonfire Night. We talked about how to be safe around fireworks too. ***Can your child tell you anything they have been learning?*** We even took part on our own “magical bonfire” celebration...it was lots of fun!
- ◆ We have been using the “Tux Paint” programme on the PCs to create our own bonfire night pictures - they are beautiful! - and our mouse control is really developing too. We have also been creating firework pictures with beads, gems and jewels on black paper, to look like the night sky.

Fantastic fireworks!

Homework

Literacy

- Continue to practise recognising sight words - a new set will be sent home after the holidays.
- We have sent home your child’s Phonics Assessment sheet. Please can you use this to recap on all of the sounds taught during this half-term. *Can your child identify the sounds in their sound book? Can they think of any words that contain those sounds?*
- Continue to make a comment about your child’s reading every week.

Maths

- Practise forming “**Freddie 4**” in the yellow “Between Us” book & on the “Ten Town” website.
- Find pairs of objects around the house. Ask your child to use their hands to compare the weight of these objects. Encourage your child to use the language of weight to talk about them - **heavy, light, heaviest, lightest, lighter than, heavier than.**

It was lovely to be able to speak with you all at our **Parents’ Evenings** this week and to be able to tell you all about how your child is settling into life here at Shincliffe. Thank you so much for making the time to speak to us and to look at your child’s work.

Can you believe we are at the end of the first half term? The children have done so well; settling in, learning new routines and coping with long days and they have learnt so much in the seven and a bit weeks that we have been at school. Congratulations to them and to you as their parents/carers for such positive support. There are a few little homework jobs to do but it is just as important for them to enjoy lovely days out if they have the chance.

Happy half term!

Mrs Short and Mrs Silvester