



Gold Class
St Anne's Royton
Autumn 2 Term
Week 1
9th November

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the break. The children have come back to Nursery beautifully, full of confidence and stories to tell about trick or treating and fireworks!

We have had a creative week, making pictures and models of fireworks using lots of different media; dipping cotton wool into paint and throwing it at black paper, pressing balloons into paint and then onto paper to make patterns, using tubes and crepe paper to make our own rockets, using large chalks on the playground floor and drawing fireworks using crayons on dark paper.

The children have been guided to make different marks on paper to represent fireworks. We have been drawing circles, spirals, dots, zig zags and long lines to represent the fireworks. The children have been encouraged to hold their pencils/crayons/felt tips/chalks with the correct grip (thumb and two fingers) to make these marks.

Dates for your Diary:

Children in Need Dates:

Tuesday 13th November: children are being asked to bring in cakes to sell in aid of Children in Need. Children may also bring in £1 (or more) to buy a cake.

Friday 16th November: children are being asked to come to school dressed as something which they aspire to be/do in the future, for example, an explorer, a doctor, a scientist etc.

Wednesday 28th November: Reading Workshop. Mrs Mitchell will be holding a Reading Workshop in the Care Club rooms. This workshop is aimed at supporting you in reading to your child (not teaching your child how to read) and raising interest in books. A further workshop is planned for after Christmas which will be reading strategies for children.

Tuesday 18th December: The Nursery children will be holding a Christmas Sing-a-long at 10.30 in the school hall. It will last for approximately 20 minutes and will be followed by drinks and mince pies in the Nursery classroom. Please come along to join us!

Homework

Please support your child in mark making. Drawing lines, circles, zig-zags and other shapes are an important stage in early writing skills. Encourage your child to hold the pencil correctly (two fingers and thumb) and copy what you are drawing, e.g. "I'm drawing a circle for the head...then a line for the mouth" etc. You could ask your child to 'write' a shopping list while you look through the cupboards for what you need to buy (at this age we are expecting the children to 'pretend write' using lines and circles), taking the list with you to the shops will help your child understand that writing is for a purpose.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child, please feel free to come and talk to us. If you would prefer to talk in private, please let us know and we will arrange a convenient time.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Russell.