



Bumblebee Class Newsletter

Tuesday 4th – Friday 7th November 2025



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely half term break.

Maths

This week in maths, we have been thinking about **one more than** to five, ordering the numbers to five correctly and have completed missing number problems. We also recapped repeating patterns – many children have started creating their own using different objects.

Phonics

We are recapping a 'set one' sound a day this half term and have started practising our letter formation and reading skills too within each lesson. I have been very impressed with the children's efforts and engagement this week in phonics – well done Bumblebees! You are making great progress with your sound recognition and blending skills.

Phonics Workshop

Thank you so much to those of you who were able to attend my phonics workshop on Tuesday evening – I hope you found it useful. I have uploaded my PowerPoint presentation to the Bumblebee Class page of our school website.

Yellow Reading Records

This week, I have written your child's focus sounds on the inside cover of their yellow reading record. As you know, last half term we learnt all of the 'set one' sounds and I assessed the children before the break. The focus sounds are those sounds your child does not recognise yet. Please help your child to practise and learn these sounds. I suggest practising two to three at a time. I will monitor their progress and when they **consistently recognise** them, I will tick them and give you their next focus sounds to learn.

Some children are ready to start reading CVC words and for these children, I have put some word sheets in their reading record with instructions. If your child does not have any word sheets yet, please do not worry, this is because your child is not quite ready yet. I work with every child daily in our phonics lessons and I am going to try and hear each child read 1:1 each week and will record this in their reading record. As always, if you have any questions, please do ask.

History

This week in History we have been learning all about why we celebrate Bonfire Night each year, along with firework, sparkler and match safety.

Yesterday, we started to learn about Remembrance Day and why we wear poppies at this time of year. We have been busy working together to make our own class poppy wreath and this afternoon, we started to design some medals for our soldiers. I will upload some photos to our class page next week of our Remembrance Day learning.

Sparkler Fun!

On Wednesday, we enjoyed some sparkler fun with Mr Mills on the playground, as he was able to kindly purchase some for us to experience. Please see the class page of our website for some photos. Thank you to Mr Mills for organising, Bumblebees thoroughly enjoyed the sparklers and showed great listening and safety throughout.

Outside of School Achievements

This week the children have really enjoyed celebrating each other's 'outside of school' achievements. So far we have six children on our class celebration board. Well done!

Show and Tell

On Monday 10th November, we will have our first class show and tell of the academic year. Your child may bring in **one, SMALL toy** of their choice to show their friends, if they would like to.

Key Dates for Next Week

Monday 10th November

- Library Day – Please make sure your child's library book is in their book bag, ready to exchange.
- Show and Tell – your child may bring in **one, small** toy to show their friends.
- Flu Vaccinations
- Outdoor Learning

Tuesday 11th November

- PE with Miss Fisher-Smith

Many children have told me they are going to see the Alresford or Four Marks fireworks tonight. I hope you enjoy them and that you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Fisher-Smith
Bumblebee Class Teacher