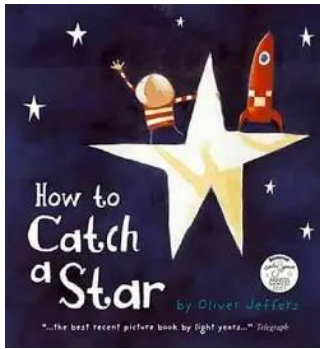




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Our topic this week is 'Bonfire night'. We have read books about dark/light, space, stars and Bonfire night.

Books we have read:

- How to catch a star
- Owl babies
- Sparks in the sky
- Goodnight spaceman
- Whatever next

Activities/provision this week:

- Fire station small world play - fire trucks, firefighters, fire stations, torches etc.
- Bonfire night food/drink stall - The children made hot drinks and food to celebrate bonfire night. For example, making hot chocolates and toasting marshmallows
- Firework playdough - star cutters and colourful pipe cleaners. The children made their own fireworks using playdough.
- Firework sensory tray - We placed colourful firework pictures under rice coloured black. The children use their fingers and paintbrushes to reveal firework patterns underneath.
- Building rockets - The children used magnetic 2D shaped tiles to build their own rocket.
- Adults drew around 2D shapes to make outlines of rockets. The children tried to find the correct shape to match the outlines.
- Sparkler craft - The children made a 'sparkler' using craft straws, star outlines, ribbon, glitter etc.
- Fine motor activity - The children threaded colourful pipe cleaners through holes in metal colanders to make a firework display.

- Firework painting - The children painted firework patterns onto a table covered in tin foil.
- Making rockets - The children decorated cardboard tubes to make their own 'rockets'.

Phonics: Body percussion

This term our phonics focus is Body Percussion! The children are learning to develop their awareness of sounds and rhythm. They have been using their bodies to make different sounds e.g. tapping, stomping, clicking, clapping. We have been practicing making sounds slow, fast, loud and quiet.

Maths: Order principle - counting in order

The children have been learning how to:

- Count in order from 1-5 or 1-10
- Count backwards from 1-5 or 1-10
- Count 1-5 or 1-10 objects, saying each number name in order
- Count objects in an irregular order

Next week the topic will continue to be: **Diwali**

Important information

- Please can the children bring in any **books from home about Autumn, dark/light, stars, nighttime etc.**
- **Jiggy Wrigglers visit - Wednesday 12th November-** To celebrate National Nursery Rhyme week and to support work on developing communication and language skills we have booked Jiggy Wrigglers to lead sessions in Taw (Pre-school) and Codden (Reception) classes. Jiggy Wrigglers will provide a music, movement and sensory session including upbeat songs, musical instruments and props to support children's learning. The cost of this experience is **£3**, please pay via Eduspot/SchoolMoney by **Monday 10th November**. **Due to numbers this experience is only available for children who usually attend our Pre-School on Wednesday afternoons.**
- **Tempest photography - Friday 14th November** - If your child does not on a Friday and you would like your child's photo taken with siblings then

please arrive at school at 8.00am and make your way to the hall with your children. All siblings who do attend BTS on this day will have a family photo taken during the school day

- **School open afternoon/stay and play - Thursday 20th November - 2pm-3pm.**
- **Applications for starting primary school in September 2026 open on 15th November 2025 and close on 15th January 2026.** The date that all allocations of school places are announced in England is known as 'offer day'. For September 2025 primary school starters this will be on **16th April 2026**. Apply online at the Citizens Portal.