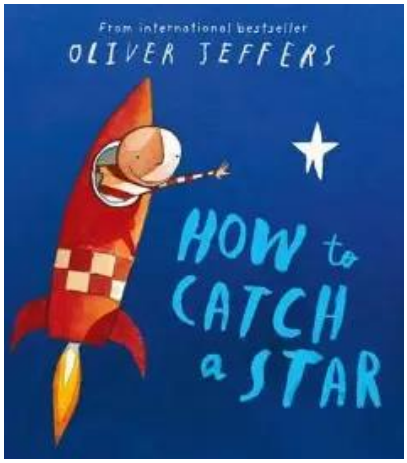


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Our topic this week is **Bonfire Night**. The children have learnt about firework safety and created firework and rocket-themed artwork. We introduced new vocabulary such as, **bonfire, firework, safety, light, glow, flame, sparkler.** Our focus story has been 'How to Catch a Star'. We also learnt about Remembrance Day and Children in Need.

Activities/provision this week:

- **Remembrance Day** – On Wednesday the children learnt about Remembrance Day and made different types of poppies. They made craft poppies using red cupcake cakes, lollypop sticks and red/green/black colouring pens. The children painted poppy pictures using sponges and red/black paint. The children made a poppy out of red playdough using round cutters and black buttons.
- **Children in Need** – On Friday the children dressed up for Children in Need and joined in with lots of Pudsey themed activities. We read 'Pudsey's Great Fundraiser' and talked about how the school has raised money this year.
- **Firework painting** – The children used cut up cardboard rolls to paint/print firework patterns onto black card.
- **Rocket shape activity** – We drew around different 2D shapes to make a rocket outline. The children matched the shapes to the correct outlines and identified the names of the 2D shapes.
- **Firework city collage** – The children used yellow and black card to make the outline of buildings/windows. They drew fireworks in the night sky using oil pastels.

- **Building rockets** – The children built 'rockets' using magnetic shapes. We talked about simple 2D shapes e.g. square and triangle.
- **Firework fine motor tray** – The children used paintbrushes to uncover colour pictures underneath the night sky (black coloured salt).
- **Fire station small world** – We learnt about firework/bonfire night safety and talked about firefighters. The children pretended to be firefighters using the toy station, fire engines and miniature people.
- **Bonfire night home corner** – The children dressed up in warm hats, scarves and gloves ready for bonfire night. The children made hot chocolates using the hot drinks machine. They pretended to cook burgers, hot dogs and marshmallows on the 'bonfire'.
- **Bonfire Night dance** – We danced around a pretend bonfire to firework music, and the children used colourful materials to do firework actions.

Phonics: Body percussion

This term our phonics focus is Body Percussion. We talked about sounds we make with our bodies and what the sounds mean. We practised body actions such as, claps, taps, stamps, and clicks to create and copy simple rhythms.

Maths: Counting to ten

The children have been learning to say number names in the correct sequence. Through songs, nursery rhymes and games, they practised counting forwards to 10 and backwards from 10 in the correct order. We also practised counting objects in an irregular order.

They enjoyed joining in with counting activities, using their voices, fingers and actions to support their learning.

The children enjoyed watching these video's about counting to ten:

Counting to 10 Forward and Backward | Jack Hartmann

Nursery rhymes:

This term we will be learning the nursery rhymes:

- Old MacDonald had a farm
- Twinkle Twinkle little star
- Baa, Baa, Black Sheep
- Dingle Dangle Scarecrow

- See the sleeping bunnies
- Hickory Dickory dock
- Wind the bobbin up
- If you're happy and you know it
- The wheels on the bus
- I'm a little tea pot
- Five little monkeys

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

Important information

- Please can children bring in any books from home about **fireworks, bonfire night, stars, nighttime, Diwali etc.**
- Send in any WOW moments for the children or photos of experiences to pre-school@bishopstawton-primary.org.
- **School Open Afternoon Stay and Play – Thursday 19th November** – 1.30pm-2.30pm
  We would like to invite you to our Open Afternoon and Stay and Play session. Throughout the afternoon there will be an opportunity to have a tour of our school and meet children, staff, parents, governors and PTFA members. Families are welcome to spend time playing and exploring in our Early Years Gardens and classrooms. Please see poster below.

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