Night and Day

Week 9- 6th November This week In Oak class:

<u>Maths</u>

Over the next two weeks, we have been focusing on the numbers 1,2, and 3.

This week we will be looking at one more and one less and what these terms mean.

We will notice how numbers and amounts increase in value when 1 more is added. And we will notice that when we find 1 less, the numbers and amounts reduce because we are taking 1 away.



Expressive Arts and Design

Story time has become part of the children's daily routine and they are getting really good at sitting and listening to the story.

This half term, we will be looking at using different joining materials and using tools for a purpose- for example, using scissors to make small snips.

Our role play area will become a campsite as we begin to think about nocturnal animals and festivals that happen in darker evenings.

Communication and Language

The date has now become part of our normal daily routine.

We are working hard at sitting on the carpet during our phonics session and we are now introducing a Maths session- these are both very short sessions at the moment while the children get used to sitting.

The children will also be introduced to the idea of talk partners on the carpet so they can begin to share their ideas.

Personal, Social and Emotional development

The children will make their own colour Monster over the next few weeks and we will be showing the children how they can use our own colour monster jars in class to think about how they are feeling. We continue to talk about different feelings and will show the children our 'calm area' where they can go and sit if they need some time on their own to be calm.

We are playing games in small groups and focusing on the children getting to know each other and their names.

We are going to look at our next Growth Mindset character- the collaborative bees and talk about how we can work together

Phonics

We are now reviewing the single letter sounds and will recap two each day to help the children to learn and embed them. We are making simple cvc words using magnetic letters and boards. We are now starting to read simple cvc words by 'Fred talking' and then 'saying the sounds.' You can watch the videos for these sounds on our school's virtual classroom on our website:

https://www.loxwoodschool.com/web/phonics_and_early_reading/635274

Literacy

We have now learnt all of the single letter sounds and will be re-visiting each one again. Those children who are ready to will now practise writing these letters in books as part of their phonic session. Children who are now blending sounds and reading words will begin to bring home books to practise this skill with you. Please do not worry if your child doesn't have a book yet- it just means they aren't quite ready.

Drawing club- the children are enjoying this mark making clubthis week, our inspiration will be a poem about fireworks.

Understanding of the world

We will be looking at Guy Fawkes and fireworks and talking about how the children might be celebrating it.

We will also read the story of Diwali in preparation for learning about it next week.

The children have been enjoying the changing weather (wind and rain) and collecting natural objects to use in the mud kitchen. We will continue this over the next few weeks.

It is a woodlands learning week for us-The children can wear their own clothes on Thursday.

Physical Development

The children continue to explore inside and outside- gross motor skills outside.

We have begun to change for PE on a Tuesday- we are starting with changing our shoes. Please encourage your child to do this independently at home too.

We are encouraging those children who are ready, to hold a pencil and forming the letter sounds that we have been

learning.