Week beginning Monday 11th November 2019

Please make time to talk to your child about what we have been learning this week.
You can use this sheet as a gentle reminder

- We are continuing our topic of - SPARKLE and SHINE! This term we are thinking lots about festivals around the world, this week we have learnt about Bonfire Night – we know we are a little late.
- We started the week off by learning all about Bonfire night and why we have this celebration. We then read through some firework poems and the children started to think about what words they might use to describe the sounds the fireworks make. On Tuesday we made some firework splatter paintings, they are amazing! Our firework paintings are on display in the classroom so do please pop your head round the door to take a look. We realized that not everyone celebrates Bonfire Night and that if they do, people celebrate in different ways.
- In Maths we have continued learning about 2D shapes and patterns. We have spoken about the different properties of 2D shapes and we have been looking at shapes around the classroom and outside. The children have been using some shapes to make patterns, e.g. circle, square, circle, square etc. The children have also enjoyed doing some shape and repeating pattern games on the interactive white board.
- During the afternoons we have been very busy getting creative. We have started making our Nativity backdrop by printing lots and lots of green hand prints. The children thought the paint felt really funny between their fingers and had great fun clenching and unclenching their hands to squish the green paint out.
- We also have had the great honour of creating some decorations for one of the shops in East Grinstead for the Big Reveal. The children have made some beautiful lollypop snowflakes which will be hanging on one of the trees that will be in a shop window. Please keep your eyes out for The Meads decoration tree when you walk past the shop windows.
- In phonics we have learnt 4 new sounds: y / z / zz / qu, the children have done really well learning them and we had a go at writing them on whiteboards, keep practicing them all. You will notice your phonics books are in your bookbags again with the new sounds stuck in.
- In PE we are continuing to focus on our Nativity dance. It really is starting to look great - we can’t wait for you to see it.
- We have had a good time outside, despite the very cold weather this week. Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents that all children should have a named coat in school. If you have a hat, and gloves we also suggest you bring these in for the children.
- Today (Friday 15th) was Children In Need day. The children were very excited to be dressed in their own clothes.

Next weeks special theme... Diwali.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Smith, Miss Smolinski and Mrs K 😊