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!

Welcome back after, what we hope was a restful half term break! We are really proud of how the children have settled back into the school routine this week and how well they have remembered all the rules. Well done! Please continue to help your child grow in their own independence by letting them come in alone and put away their own belongings in the mornings.

- We introduced a new topic to the children this week called *Sparkle and Shine*. We know that this means we are learning about light. We have had a *Wild Week* this week, allowing the children to explore and discover things through structured play outside.

- Our *Wild Week* has really been so much fun. We have collected sticks, leaves and twigs to make a big picture of a firework on our playground - the children had to work together and talk to each other to create this huge picture, which looked amazing! The children then labelled their pictures using whiteboards and pens so show what the different parts of the picture were. We have also made bug hotels ready to go up in our Nature area so the insects aren't cold for winter. We had to think very hard about what insects might like as it would impossible to make them all a soft bed with pillows. We then went on a bug hunt with magnifying glasses to see if any bugs had ventured into the bug hotels. We found worms, spiders and ants! The children also thoroughly enjoyed having some hot chocolate to drink and eating a warm bread roll.

- Making our own leaf men – making up stories about where he had gone and what he has seen (EAD - BI)

- In Maths we have been very busy learning about several areas all at once. We have been problem solving and working together as a team to make our own dens outside. However to make things a little harder the children were given a time restriction. They had to keep checking the clock to make sure they didn't run out of time. We also made patterns out of the leaves and twigs that we collected earlier on our adventure walk around the school. We learnt what a pattern was and had a go at making some of our own.

- Again in Literacy we have been very busy. We went on an adventure walk on Tuesday and had to make a list of things we needed to take with us. The children had brilliant ideas and were very sensible about how to organize what we took with us. We read *Stick Man* by Julia Donaldson and went on a journey around the school grounds - collecting sticks and leaves along the way.

- We have also been learning and talking about the story of Bonfire Night and why we celebrate Bonfire Night each year. We realized that not everyone celebrates Bonfire Night and that if they do, people celebrate in different ways. We used our senses to think about what we could see, hear and smell.

- In PE we have started to think about our Nativity and what movements would be good to include in our dances. We can't say more than this otherwise we will ruin the surprise!

**WOW NOTES!**
Thank you to everyone who has sent in a WOW note - please do keep sending them in. We do love to hear about the children's achievements! We have put new WOW sheets in the children's book bags.

**CHANGING WEATHER!**
Please could we take this opportunity to remind you that ALL children should know be wearing a named coat to school and possibly a hat, gloves and a scarf as the weather is getting chillier.

**TAPESTRY**
Very soon (hopefully today) you will be receiving an email for you to activate your tapestry account and set up a password. We have been busy taking lots of photos and writing observations for your children, these will be published for you to see by next week, thank you.

Miss Smolinski, Mrs Smith and Mrs K