Fantastic Fireworks: Autumn 2

November 2nd – December 18th 2026

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to us or email reporting@wherwell.hants.sch.uk and your message will be forwarded on.

English and Drawing Club

In English this term, we will be exploring a range of books connected to the theme of fireworks.

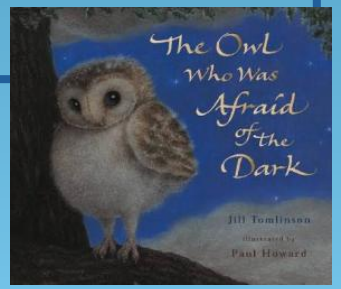
Using a wonderful collection of firework and autumnal stories in Drawing Club sessions, year R will continue to learn new vocabulary, verbalise ideas, and develop drawing skills, as well as starting to write words or groups of linked words using the phonics they have learnt.

Year 1 will continue to focus on simple sentence structure and a clear and firm understanding of basic punctuation.

For the book *The Boy on Fire,* they will write a question for the boy about his feelings. For the book *The Quiet Little Firework* they will focus on writing plurals and write a few sentences to describe the moth's dream. For *The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark* they will write a diary entry using the suffixes –ing and –ed.







Maths

Year R

-Hear and join in with the counting sequence, and connect this to the 'staircase' pattern of the counting numbers

-Understand that the last number in the count tells us 'how many' (cardinality)

- The need for 1:1 correspondence

- Understanding that anything can be counted, including actions and sounds

-Begin to develop the language of 'whole' when talking about objects which have parts

Year 1

- Parts and wholes
- Part-whole model
- Writing number sentences
- Fact families – addition facts
- Number bonds within 10
- Number bonds to 10
- Addition – add together
- Addition – add more
- Addition problems
- Find a part
- Subtraction – find a part
- Fact families – the eight facts
- Subtraction – take away
- Subtraction on a number line
- Recognise and name 3D shapes
- Sort 2d shapes
- Patterns with 2D and 3D shapes

Dairy Dates

- **Armistice Service 11th November**
- **Individual photographs 12th November**
- **Robins nativity 16th December 2:00**

Classroom Information

Monday (Miss Gilbody)
Outdoor learning afternoon
PE kits into school

Tuesday (Miss Gilbody)
Indoor PE

Wednesday (Mrs Robinson)
Year 1 homework due in

Thursday (Mrs Robinson)
Library day, please return last week's library books

Friday (Miss Gilbody)
Year 1 homework set
Year R phonics practise sent home
Outdoor PE
PE kits sent home

To have in school each day: water bottle, reading diary and reading book.

Home Learning

Please support your child in learning their line for the Nativity, these will come home soon.

Music

In Robins' music lessons, the children will be singing songs, linking with storytelling, thinking about higher and lower sounds with the instruments and preparing for our Robins Christmas Nativity at the end of term.

PSHE

In our Heart Smart lessons this term, Robins Class will focus on the following themes:



Each of us is loved, special and important

We all like different things

Demonstrating different emotions.

We all have different talents and skills.



PE

In our indoor PE sessions this term, Robins Class will focus on gymnastics and in our outdoor PE lessons, we will focus on running and jumping.



Child of the week

We'll be starting a new routine in Robins Class this term, 'Child of the Week'. When it is your child's turn, they will get the chance to share something about themselves with the class on the Wednesday of that week. All children in Robins Class will have a turn at this.

myHappymind

In My Happy Mind sessions this term, Robins Class will be moving onto the next unit 'Celebrate'.





Year R

Phonics

In phonics lessons, year R will continue to learn to read and write sounds and words. The sounds that Robins Class will learn this term are
ff, ll, ss, j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, nk
They will also learn tricky words: put, pull, full, as, and, has, his, her, go, no, to, into, she, push, he, of, we, me, be



Understanding the World

The year R children will learn about the traditions of Bonfire Night and fireworks.
We will continue to learn about the seasons of the year and observe the signs of autumn as they begin to appear, as well as observing the allotment and understanding what plants need to grow.

Expressive arts and design

The year R children will get the chance to explore a variety of different creative resources and tasks, often linking to fireworks, as well as developing their performing skills in the class nativity play.



Year 1

Phonics

This term, the year 1s will learn a selection of phase 5 sounds, including alternative spellings of sounds that they already know, for example 'ir' (bird) making the same sound as 'ur' (fur). They will also learn new tricky words.

Science

In science, the children will be focusing on our longitudinal study, 'What changes in our allotment over the course of a year?'. We will consider seasons and plant's lifecycles and observe our allotment.



History

Our enquiry question is 'What do we celebrate on Bonfire Night?' We will be learning about the Gunpowder Plot and Guy Fawkes.

DT

We will be learning to make gingerbread biscuits and hot chocolate, then enjoying a cosy afternoon before Christmas.

Computing

We will be using a digital painting programme to create firework art.



RE

We will be considering why Christians believe God gave Jesus as a gift to the world. Our focus religion will be Christianity.

Art

We will explore colour and work towards creating a piece of firework artwork.