



Topaz News

This week

It has been lovely to be back in school. We started the week off by talking about our firework experiences and learning about printing with different items then layering on some drizzled glue and glitter to give a sparkly effect. We have started to use a paint program on the computer to make firework pictures developing our picture making and mouse skills.



We will continue to talk about fireworks next week when we start to find out about Diwali.

Spiders have continued to interest us and this week we have been making and painting spiders in lots of wonderful colours using the parts that we have learnt about like the spinnerets, the pedipalps and, of course, 8 legs.



Jigsaw Jenie guides us through each session and starts us off with the calming chime and breathing techniques. She then asks us to reflect on something and share in a circle time session. This week we took it in turns to talk about things that we are good at. Next week it is anti-bullying week nationally and we will start to understand what this means. We will also continue to talk about things that make us unique but also things that are similar about us and our families. Looking at Diwali at the same time will help us with this because although there are interesting new things about this festival, there are also similarities with other festivals they might be more familiar.

As part of anti-bullying and celebrating differences on Thursday the children will be able to join in with 'Dare to be Different' day. Posters have been sent from the Friends of Alexander Hosea

Phonics

We have now introduced all of the single letter sounds of the alphabet letters except q. I am hoping that our new communication book for phonics and reading will help us to feel more connected. Please remember no water bottles in book bags. I am buying more at the moment and they are an eye watering £5 for each book.



Thank you for your Pudsey pictures. These will be put together and posted on the class page on the website. Once again, thank you so much for your brilliant support. Take care, keep safe and well,

Sally Windmill

