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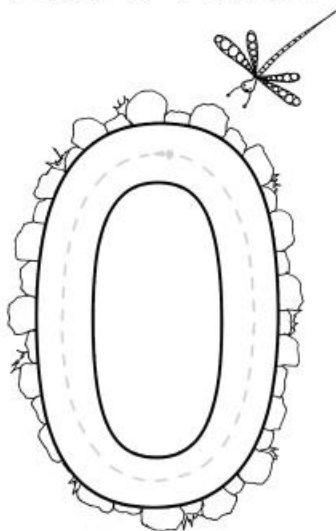
Dear Parents,

The children have settled back into Nursery really well! We have had a busy week learning through the theme of Bonfire Night. The children have enjoyed lots of different activities including: painting fireworks in different ways e.g. with brushes, forks and splatter painting; counting the fireworks in the sky; drawing bonfire pictures; creating bonfire pictures with loose parts; making a fire at the craft table with sticks and tissue paper; making fireworks with the playdough; playing with the fire station and village small world; building fire engines and making edible sparklers! Next week we will be learning through the themes of Birthdays and the story of Kipper's Birthday.

This week the children have also started Ten Town, a number scheme that is designed to improve number recognition and formation through interactive stories, songs and games. This week the children have been learning 'zero.' In Ten Town 'zero' is known as the Zero Pond, a dirty pond full of rubbish in which no animals or plants can live. We have spoken about how zero means none and have explored this through finding sets of zero.

**Home Learning Challenge (optional): talk to your child about how zero means none. You may find that you have an empty fruit bowl, an empty biscuit tin, an empty water bottle etc. Talk about how there is e.g. zero fruit in the bowl. We would love to see any photos of sets of zero that you find around the house. These can be sent to [nursery@st-nicholas.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@st-nicholas.staffs.sch.uk).**

## Zero Pond



"Start at the top, nice and slow,  
All the way round and there you go"

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Next week we will be starting our Outdoor Explorers sessions. These are sessions carried out in our outdoor learning area on the field. On your child's allocated day they will need to come to Nursery in suitable outdoor clothing that you don't mind getting a little messy. Children will also require wellies. If your child does not have a pair of wellies already at Nursery, please either provide them with some to keep in Nursery or ensure they bring their wellies on their Outdoor Explorers day.

Typically these sessions will occur fortnightly throughout the year, however due to the busy nature of this half term we plan for Outdoor Explorers to take place on the following weeks:

**W.C. 11/11/19 and W.C. 25/11/19.** The sessions will be as follows:

**Tuesday:** Jellyfish and Turtles.

**Thursday:** Dolphins and Seahorses.

**However, next week (W.C. 11/11/19) Dolphins and Seahorses will carry out their session on Wednesday to accommodate school photos.**

Please also note the Nursery Nativity dates:

11/12/19 (10AM) – Jellyfish and Turtles.

12/12/19 (10AM) – Dolphins and Seahorses.

Please note in regards to attendance/holidays:

*Although we do want to establish good patterns of attendance in preparation for full-time school in Reception, children in Nursery are not of compulsory school attendance age and, as such, if you are planning to take your child out of school for a holiday or need a day's absence there is no need to complete an official 'Leave of Absence Request form'. However, it is important to inform Nursery staff in writing, either by letter or email, well in advance. The School's Attendance Policy can be found on the school website should you wish to see the procedures that are in place for when your child does become of compulsory school attendance age.*

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Many Thanks,

Miss Griffiths.