

# GROVE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe that it is the start of another academic year? I hope that you all had a wonderful and restful summer. We start this year off with a bang with our topic: ‘What do we remember on the 5<sup>th</sup> November?’ We will examine the historical significance of this event as well as look at significant people involved. Below, you will find some helpful information that is not to be forgotten.

English	Maths
<p><b>Key texts:</b> Fireworks Night by Andrew Collete (a list poem) Stardust by Jeanne Willis (a narrative text) A range of non-fiction books about the light, Christianity, fireworks and Bonfire Night. The children will also have a range of topic themed texts within our book box as well as some of our favourites.</p> <p><b>Phonics:</b> We will continue with our daily Read, Write Inc. lessons during which the children will learn new sounds during our daily speed sounds lessons. These include a range of digraphs and alternative spellings of some sounds we already know.</p> <p><b>Writing:</b> The children will be learning about the different features of a list poem and use key vocabulary such as stanza and line. They will consider their presentation and the purpose of their writing in order to suit different genres as well as being able to choose different vocabulary for affect.</p> <p><b>Reading &amp; Comprehension:</b> There will be a range of texts within the Centre for the children to read independently. The children will have a daily story time session where they will hear a story told to them by an adult. The children will also receive a Book Bag Book which is linked to their phonics learning that they can take home to read and continue to apply their knowledge of their sounds.</p>	<p><b>Place Value:</b> The children will explore numbers to 1000. They will be able to identify the value of each digit within numbers to 1000 as well as order and compare them. The children will also look at number patterns when counting in 10s, 100s and 50s and whilst investigating patterns whilst counting in 4s and 8s.</p> <p><b>Addition and Subtraction:</b> We will recap what we learnt last year by solving simple addition and subtraction problems as well as those involving renaming. The children will then explore solving problems using the bar model.</p>

The children will also be provided opportunities to read 1:1 with an adult.	
Science	DT
The children will investigate how we see and learn that dark is the absence of light. The children will learn about different light sources including the Sun. We will explore shadows and the reasons why they change.	The children will explore a range of mechanisms such as pulleys and levers in order to make interactive books and posters.
History	Therapies
The children will be learning about a significant historic event: The Gunpowder Plot. The children will develop their understanding of chronology as well as their historical enquiry skills.	The centre staff will work with external therapist to deliver the programmes which have been set for the children.  As these are based upon the children's needs this will be personalised for you child however, where possible they may be grouped with their peers who have similar needs.
Additional Information	
Please ensure that you are reading with you child daily and signing their reading record or planner to indicate that you have read with them.  You child will also be set online homework on Reading Eggs and Mathletics which will need to be completed each week.	

Attached you will find information about what we be learning in our topic 'What do we remember on the 5<sup>th</sup> November?' Included in this are key knowledge and facts that will be covered as well as a list of key vocabulary and definitions. Please ensure that your children are familiar with these words, including the spellings, as they will be using them throughout their topic.

Please don't hesitate to e-mail me on [rainbow@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:rainbow@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk) if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Johnson  
Key Stage 1 & Centre Lead

