Hello and welcome back everyone,

I hope everyone had a relaxing half term holiday and are recharged, ready for the run up to Christmas!

This week in our phonics we have looked at the 'ue' sound (as in clue) and the -og and -ug endings of words. I have attached some sheets to the class page that show some common tricky words that we will be aiming to read and spell by the end of Year 2. Going over them at home, as



well as in school will greatly benefit your child. We have read about and discussed the importance of Remembrance Day and why we continue to mark it each year. We answered questions about it as part of a comprehension. We created some fabulous poems about Bonfire Night following the pattern – adjective, noun, verb phrase – to help construct our sentences. We also learned about the history behind Bonfire Night and The Gunpowder Plot and then used this as inspiration to write about in our Free

Writing Friday session.

In maths we used cm rulers to measure the length of different shaped objects and had a try at drawing our own lines as accurately as we could. We also continued to practice our adding skills, adding onto larger 2 digit numbers.

In 'Move It Monday' we created a firework dance as a whole class and our accompanying music was Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture. It was very atmospheric indeed!!!

Our last but one Kerbcraft session was this week, and was again so valuable. It is our last session next week and the week after the children will receive certificates to show how well they have listened over the whole term.



This Friday we created some poppy art using potatoes to print with. They looked really effective and although they might be a bit on the big side to wear (!), they might look lovely in a window!

Finally, the children have all come home with their parts for the Christmas play. It is in 4 weeks! Yikes!!!!!!! It would be greatly appreciated if all families could go over, learn and practice parts, as this will help rehearsals hugely. We will be sending home costume lists next week to give everyone plenty of time to source them. Get ready for the constant stream of catchy (until the 100th time and then not so!) Christmas tunes that will be being sung day and night!

It's been a wonderful week and it has been great to have the Sharks back together again!

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Mrs Howard & Mrs Bowen.