

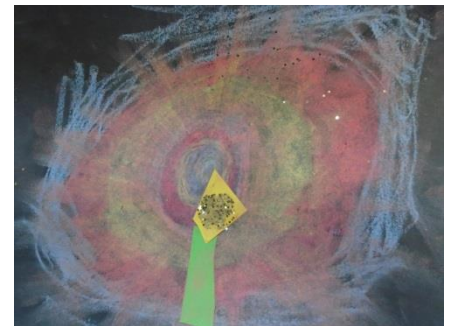
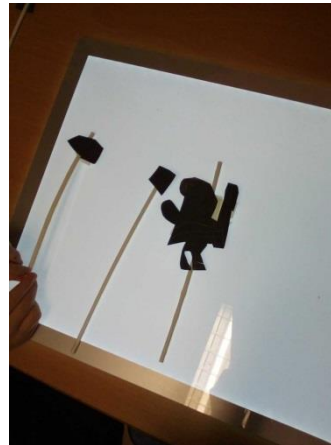
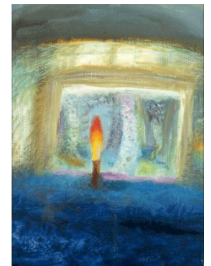
## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Welcome back. We hope you had a good Christmas holiday. We had a really good first term in Waveney class and are looking forward to this term. Our themes for this half term are light and dark, winter, weather and cold places. Last week we talked about how we celebrated Christmas and New Year's Eve. We read *Squirrel's New Year's Resolution* by Pat Miller and Kathi Ember. The Nursery children read *Happy New Year, Spot* by Eric Hill and they made wishes about what they would like to do. Reception talked about what they would like to get better at in 2022.

This week our theme book was *Can't You Sleep Little Bear* by Martin Waddell. Little Bear was too scared to go to sleep because of the dark and Big Bear helps Little Bear to feel braver about the dark. As a group, we discussed what makes us scared and the things that help us to feel braver. We listened to each other's ideas, and then contributed our own. Darlie said that when in bed sometimes she worries about the monsters coming to get her, because like Little Bear she doesn't like the dark, but she has a dreamcatcher that helps her to stay safe and feel much better, and two nightlights as well. Alby said that he is scared when they find spiders in the sink at home, but that he feels braver when they go away.



We talked about where light comes from and whether the sources are natural or man-made. We made shadow puppets and played with them on a screen and explored materials on a light box. We made dark dens and had fun playing with torches. We looked at a famous painting *The Boulevard Montmartre at Night* by Camille Pissarro and were inspired to create night-time pictures. We also made chalk pictures in the style of Winifred Nicholson's artwork *Candle, Egg*.



In Maths we have been working on number 11, focussing on subtraction, place value and number bonds. Some children were very good at identifying different combinations of numbers that add up to 11, as well as  $10+1$ .



The Nursery children have been learning about 2D shapes and some of them used cubes to measure bears.



Reception have begun Phase 3 phonics and we started with j v w x y z z qu, learning the sounds, the formation and using them to write CVC words.

We have learnt about two more ELLI characters – Magical Unicorn who lets her ideas bubble out and Resilient Tortoise who keeps going even when things are tricky. Last week we painted Magical Unicorn and this week we made models of Resilient Tortoise.



★ THIS WEEK'S ★  
**READING STARS**

**Bronze**  
Fraser, Ernie,  
Lucas, Alby

**Silver**  
Darlie  
Emily-Aliza

**Gold**  
Theo

**Well-Read and Ace Reader**  
Theo

**WELL DONE!**



Our Star of the Week this week is Alby. He delighted us with his fantastic reading, writing and number work this week. Well done, Alby!

**Please note!** Your child has a word string in their reading folder. They need to be able to read these words on sight (i.e. not segmenting into phonemes). You should put the words in random orders each time, perhaps hide them around the home and ask them to find a particular word. If they can read the words, they can learn to write the words when you say each word, so that they can begin to use them in their own independent writing. We will send the next set of words as we progress through Phase 3.

Home Learning

**Nursery**

Sing *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*. Look up at the dark sky. Can you see the stars and the moon?  
Can you make a starry sky picture? What else is making light when it is dark?

**Reception**

Make a model of your house and stick sparkly lights/battery tea lights in the rooms. Can you say what makes them work? OR Write, cut and stick, or draw a list of items that give us light.

Have a lovely weekend, Waveney Class Team