

## Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 5.11.24

### Term 2 topic - Tell me a story Diwali



**What a busy week! We started off the week learning about Bonfire Night and we finished the week with Remembrance Day!**

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development-** We have been thinking about sharing toys with our friends, taking turns with our friends, and also waiting for our turn this week. We are happy to be back with our friends and are remembering to look, listen and join in on the carpet so we can learn. We know our school rules are to be Ready, Respectful and Safe.

**Communication and Language-** We have loved learning the story behind Diwali and acting it out with masks. Following on from a PowerPoint presentation we also talked about how the festival of Diwali is celebrated in a similar way to how Christians celebrate Christmas and New Year. We enjoyed hearing the story of Guy Fawkes and chatted about why we celebrate Bonfire Night. Thank you for taking part in Sticker Homework, the children were keen to share what they knew about Remembrance Day.

**Physical Development-** As the weather is getting cooler, we are ensuring our outside play sessions are very active. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing to go outside each day. We try to go out in all weathers, and this is made much easier for us if the children have their own appropriate outdoor wear. We are continuing with 'dough disco', which helps to strengthen our muscles, and this helps us with our writing, drawing and playing. Our 'Squiggle' is helping us to listen, follow instructions and develop our gross motor movements. We have been using bats, hockey sticks and big balls this week on the big playground. We have used our fine motor skills to make clay diva lamps, thread poppies, use scissors and play with lots of different construction.

**Literacy-** We are continuing to learn lots of new sounds to help us to begin reading and writing. This week we learnt 'e', 'l' and 'h'. We are getting very good at putting together the sounds to make a word with Fred Frog (orally blending), "c-u-p, cup". We used all the other single letter sounds we have learnt so far to blend and segment VC and CVC words including, 'top', 'cat', 'bin', 'and', 'cup' and 'bed'.

**Mathematics-** We have continued to practise counting in 1s to 20, recognising our numbers to 10, forming our numbers correctly, counting up to 10 and back down again, saying what is one more and one less than a given number, and using our fingers to show amounts. We have been thinking about one more and one less using stories and have explored how many ways we can make three using double sided counters. We also looked at some different rangoli patterns and had a go at creating some rangoli patterns ourselves.

**Understanding the World-** We have been enjoying our outside area and noticing the plants that are growing and the continuing signs of autumn. We have enjoyed learning how

Diwali is celebrated. We made and tasted coconut barfi by mixing desiccated coconut, condensed milk and icing sugar. After mixing the ingredients we made a small ball with the mixture and put it into the fridge to set and ate it together at the end of the day. On the smart board this week we have explored rangoli patterns, practised writing sounds and numbers and continued shape patterns.

**Expressive Arts and Design-** We have had lots of different experiences during our Diwali week – re-enacting the story of Rama & Sita using the masks, making diya lights by using our thumbs to create shape of a diya lamp and creating Rangoli patterns. We made some lovely pictures of poppies in a field using a cylinder to print the shape of the poppies. We also love creating models with different construction materials, engaging ourselves in the small world in the classrooms and playing the role play area. The hairdressers is very popular! Talk to us about what we have done this week.

Lots of photos of children being busy this week on the website...

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#### **Supporting learning at home**

- Have a chat about why we celebrate Diwali, what can the children remember about the story of Rama and Sita?
- Can the children retell the Guy Fawkes story?
- Challenge them to put on their coat and do it up all by themselves!
- Can you spot things beginning with the phonemes we are learning 'e', 'l' and 'h'?
- Ask your child to tell you the rhyme we learn to help us to write it.
- To help the children to develop their physical skills give your child a challenge!
- Can they show you all the different ways they have learnt to move.

#### **Notes for next week 11.11.24**

- Water bottle, coat and book bag in school every day, please.
- Please keep your child's book(s) in their bookbag every day and don't forget to record in their red reading record the reading you are doing at home.
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need Day.
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November is Odd Socks Day.

**Have a lovely weekend!**