

Reception Newsletter



Friday 20th November 2020

Our golden promises

We promise to be...

Respectful (look after everyone and everything), **Thoughtful and caring** (be kind, listen to others and use good manners), **Friendly** (share, play together and be happy), **Enthusiastic** (be excited learners) **Ambitious** (be the best you can be)

This week

It has been the Hindu festival of Diwali this week so we have learnt all about the traditions of this festival. We learnt that Hindu's around the world celebrate by lighting diva lamps around their houses, decorating with Rangoli patterns, cooking lots of delicious food and celebrating with family. The children found out about what Hindus believe and how they worship Hindu gods and dedicate shrines to them. The story of Sita and Rama (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-diwali>) showed us why Diwali is known as the festival of light. Children used their moulding skills with salt dough to make their own diva lamps and they will soon be decorating these with glitter paint. A big thanks you to one of our parents who kindly lent us some fantastic Diwali traditional dress for the children to try on. In phonics we learnt 3 new sounds *p*, *i*, *n* and practised oral blending and using sound buttons to hear the sounds and blend to read a word. We started Funky fingers this week, a daily activity session where we work the muscles of the arm and develop the strength in our wrists. Gaining strength in these areas will help to support fine motor skills and support mark making, writing and control and pressure when using pencils and cutting skills. We have read and interacted with lots of social stories this week on friendship. The children have helped to resolve different scenarios such as friends not wanting to do the same thing and friends wanting to play with others as well as giving advice to friends who have fallen out. In maths we have continued our investigation into number 1-3 and started to name 2D shapes and recognise their properties.

Next week:

We have a bubble cross country event to participate in on Wednesday so children are to come to school dressed in suitable cross-country running clothes please. (Please see the letter emailed out by the office) In phonics we will learn the sounds m,d,o. We will be looking at name formation and learning about the formation of letters in our names. It is important that we start in the right place when forming a letter. We will send home 'yellow name' cards, for children to practise at home, at the end of next week, More about those to follow. We will start to read the story 'Bear Hunt' next week and we shall be working on the re telling of this story over the next few weeks. In their COOL time (create our own learning time), children will have to opportunities to investigate how things work by taking things apart, and do so some story sequencing.

Dates and events for the diary:

Wed 25th Nov – Cross Country event
Wed 2nd Dec - Christmas Lunch

Phonics folders

The children have all been given a phonic folder (Please check their bags). Each week we will add the sounds that we have been learning. There is a Jolly phonics visual for every new sound as well as a 'patter' that helps us to form the letter correctly. There are some ideas of how to use the phonic folder at home on the front cover.

We will collect the phonic folders in on **WEDNESDAYS** (*please ensure they are in your child's book bag on this day*) so that we can update them and they will be sent home every **FRIDAY**.

Reminders:

READING BOOKS – Grey books to be returned on **FRIDAYS** please. Library books –please return on **MONDAYS**. All of our book collections need to be quarantined for 72hours before sending them out again on Mondays/Fridays. We are unable to send home another grey or library book if the relevant book has not been returned.

PE Kits – Children only need **shorts and t-shirt**. No need for plimsoils, trainers, tracksuits or anything else. Please can you remove these from their bags for this term so that it is easy for them to manage their kit.

Have a great and safe weekend. The Reception team