

Reception News

This week we're learning about Diwali. Diwali is an Indian festival of Hindu origins which is also celebrated by other religions such as Sikhs & Buddhists. It's a lovely celebration to learn about as there are lots of creative and understanding of the world learning opportunities. We've read the story about Rama & Sita and the children have enjoyed using stick puppets to retell the story about how good overcame evil. We've made rangoli patterns, diwas and fireworks pictures and have been finding out about how families celebrate Diwali.

This week we are learning:

Phonics – we are learning ck (at the end of words such as rock & sock), e, u & r and the tricky words 'the', 'no' and 'go'.

Maths – we are learning about number 5. We are using a 5 frame to find different ways to make 5 such as 1+4, 2+3 etc. We are also drawing around our hands and writing numbers for each finger. Outside we are using part part whole diagrams to find different ways to make 5 with natural resources and will be building towers that are 5 storeys high.

Jigsaw – we are talking about rights and responsibilities and will be writing our class rules.

Music – we are listening to Indian music and will be singing a selection of Diwali songs such as 'I'm a Little Diya Lamp', Diwali Twinkle Twinkle and It's Time for Diwali

Other – we are reading 'What To Do With a Box' - this is a lovely book with lots of ideas for what to do with boxes. The book also opens out and becomes a box! We will be building dens outside and using smaller boxes inside for junk modelling. We are also exploring with pumpkins this week and will be making potions, scooping out the seeds and finding out what we can do with our pumpkins.

Reminders

- Reading folders were sent home on Thursday last week. Each week we will update reading folders with new sounds and tricky words that we have taught. Once your child recognises the first 8 sounds, we will also send a reading book home and will allocate reading books on Bug Club. Until then, keep practicing sounds on Bug Club daily. There are also links to other phonics websites on our school website if you would like further games to practice sounds or you can make up your own games if you prefer using practical resources rather than electronic devices. **Please return reading folders on Tuesdays so we have time to update them and change reading books.**
- PE kits – although we don't need full PE kits until January, we will need children to have plimsoles in school after half term as we will be starting rehearsals for our Nativity. If you haven't sent PE kit into school yet, could you please send plimsoles in after half term (in a PE bag to be hung on your child's peg). **Please make sure that the plimsoles and bag are clearly named.**
- Next week is half term. School finishes at normal time on Friday and returns on Monday 3rd November.
- Tapestry reminder – a few families haven't ever logged into their Tapestry accounts and the links that were emailed are beginning to expire. If you haven't logged in yet but would like access to Tapestry, please let us know and we will resend links if necessary.