

Reception Newsletter 20.10.17

We hope that you and your child have a lovely half term. While out and about, please encourage your child to look at their environment and talk about the changes of the seasons, encouraging them to think about the differences between Autumn and Summer e.g. the leaves changing colour and falling off the trees, the temperature dropping, longer nights and shorter days etc. If you are at home, please encourage your child to play some board games that will help to develop their turn-taking skills.

Phonics

Please continue to read every day to your child and help your child to practise recognising letters in words i.e. 'c-a-t' and then blending them together to make the word 'cat'. After reading a book, can your child tell someone else what happened in the book?

When you are out, can your child look for signs or sounds in the environment? Can they attempt to read them?

Can you and your child play I spy?

Can they practise sound talk? E.g. Can you get me a p-e-n?



Learning to read the sounds:

s a t p i n g o c k
m d c k e u r h
b f ff l ll ss

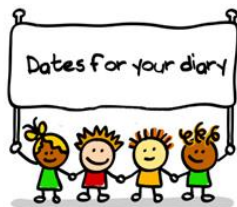
Learning to read the words:

is it if in at as
and can a the to
no go I into of
went

Maths

Counting 1 object at a time e.g. how many forks are on the table? How many will there be if we add one more/have one less? How do you know?

Recognition of numbers in the environment e.g. price tags, number plates, clocks etc. Is (another number) more or less than that number? How do you know?



Parents' Lunches - 11.15am-12.00pm

Tuesday 31st October (Moonbeam)

Wednesday 1st November (Rainbow)

Thursday 2nd November (Sunshine)

Christmas Play - Thursday 14th

December at 1.30pm and Friday 15th

December at 10.00am

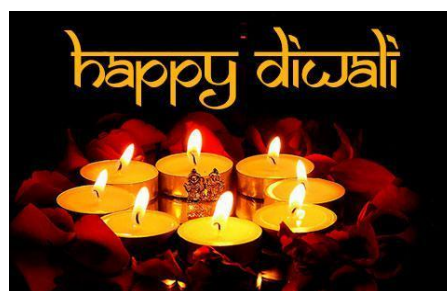
Thank you to everyone who attended our first Celebration Day of this academic year! We hope that you enjoyed spending time with your child/ren and now have a better understanding of how they learn. We will be holding two more Celebrations Days in the Spring and Summer terms, so keep an eye out for the next dates on our newsletters. We have listened to your feedback and have decided that future Celebration Days will start at a slightly earlier time of 9.30am. We will offer tea and biscuits in the lower hall while you wait!

Many thanks,
The Reception team.

When we return to school, our topic will be Diwali. We will be finding out about this Hindu celebration and participating in some traditions such as Mehndi art and making diva lamps. It will also be Book Week and we are lucky enough to have a visit from an author. We would like the children to each bring in their favourite book from home to share with the rest of the class during this week. If your child would like to bring in a book from home, then please hand it in to your child's teacher with your child's name on it. We will send these back to you once we have shared them with the class.

Key vocabulary:

- Diwali
- Mehndi hands, rangoli patterns, diva lamps
- Rama and Sita
- Hindu/Hinduism
- India



Homework

- Can your child draw a picture of their favourite book and write labels for the characters' names? Do not worry if your child cannot spell the words correctly; it's all about practising stretching out the words, hearing the sounds and then writing them down. If they only hear the first sound, perhaps you can show them how to stretch out all of the sounds in a word.
- Make an autumn picture using natural objects that you have found and take a photo to bring in.



Once your child has completed their homework, please encourage them to hand it in to their teacher to share with the rest of the class.

Possible visits for you and your child:

- A local Hindu temple
- The library to take out some new and exciting books
- Nature walks in your local park.