

Reception Newsletter 19.10.17

We hope that you and your child have a lovely half term. While out and about, in the half term 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.

Phonics

Please continue to read every day to your child.

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 f f l
l l s s

Learning to read the words:

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

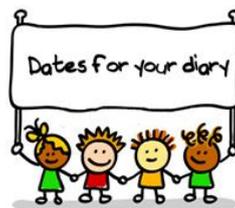
Maths

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?

Mathletics

This is an engaging, supportive online learning resource for your child to use at home. Your login will be attached.



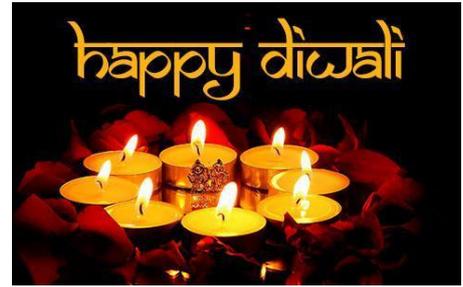
Parents' Lunches - 11.15am-12.00pm
Tuesday 30th October (Rainbow)
Wednesday 31st November (Moonbeam)
Thursday 1st November (Sunshine)

The Big Broth- Friday 2nd November 3pm-
letter to follow

Unicorn Theatre Trip- Tuesday 27th
November (Moonbeam and Rainbow)
Wednesday 28th November (Sunshine) Please
let your class teacher know if you are able to
volunteer for this.

Christmas Play - Thursday 13th December
10am and Friday 14th December 1.30pm- letter
to follow with more information nearer the
time.

When we return to school, our topic will be about light. In the first week we will be learning about Diwali the Hindu festival of light. We will be finding out about this celebration and participating in some traditions such as Mehndi art and making diva lamps. In the second week our topic will be fireworks. We will be looking at the artist Jackson Pollock and recreating some of his artwork and we will be learning about the gunpowder plot and safety around fireworks.



Key vocabulary:

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

Key books:

- Lighting a lamp
- The story of Diwali
- The Gunpowder Plot
- Action Jackson

HOME LEARNING

- Your child will be given a Home School Diary and we would like you to make the first entry over the half term so that your child can use this for show and tell during the first two weeks back. Examples of what you can put in there are given on the front inside page.
- 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 Tower of London
- The library to take out some new and exciting books
- Nature walks in your local park.