



RECEPTION NEWSLETTER LET'S CELEBRATE!

What a fantastic first week back we have had!

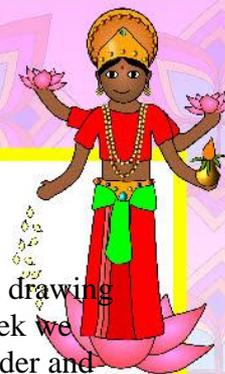
Our new topic for this term is 'Let's Celebrate' (see topic web.) This week we have kicked off our new topic by learning about Diwali - the Festival of Light. We have looked at the story of Rama and Sita and carried out lots of creative activities related to Diwali such as making our own Rangoli patterns, drawing our own Mehndi designs and making and decorating our own Diva lamps.



Phonics:

We are continuing learning how to read and write through daily RWI sessions. This week we wrote the words 'pop' and 'bang' to describe the noises that fireworks make. We are listening to the sound at the start of the word and beginning to blend the sounds together to make a word, e.g. p-o-p = pop.



**Maths:**

This week we have recapped our numbers 0-6 by creating a number line and drawing pictures to represent a number, e.g. 6 circles to show the number 6. Next week we will be focussing on the number 7. We will learn how to write, recognise, order and add up to the number 7!

Useful information:

From today, children will be bringing home a phonetically decodable reading book. These books will include the sounds that we have learnt in school and therefore will allow the children to be able to say each sound, e.g. d-o-g, and then blend it together to make a word, e.g. d-o-g = dog. Children will keep these books for a week and I will change them with your child every Friday. Please read these books with your child as often as possible and encourage them to sound out each sound and then blend them to make a word. You will still be able to continue changing your usual story books with your child as often as you would like and you can still read these alongside the phonetically decodable books. If you have any questions about this then please don't hesitate to ask!

Before half-term, some of your expressed interest in wanting a copy of our Reception Showcase video. If you wish to have a copy, you can bring a memory stick into school on Wednesday where I can download a copy of the video onto it for you to keep. Please may I express that the video is for your personal use only and is not to be shared on social media.

Dates to remember:

Thursday 14th November – Opening Minds Space Themed Display. We will be learning all about Space and carrying out lots of Space themed activities this week. Some Space themed work will be set up in the Reception classroom for you and your child to have a look around after school.

Thank you for your continued support.
Miss Nicholas and the Reception Team.

