



Reception Newsletter Friday 11th November 2016

- It has been a busy week! We have learnt about the Hindu festival of Diwali listening to the story of Rama and Sita, making diva lamps and designing rangoli patterns.
- In maths we have been focusing on 2d shapes. We have named shapes and talked about what makes each one special. We used 2d shapes to make a symmetrical rangoli pattern. 
- We have also started learning the songs for the Christmas play! A note came home in your child's school bag to say which part they have in the play. Please could costumes be in school **no later than Friday 25th November in a named bag**, so that they can have their photograph taken on Monday 28th November.
- We have continued with our RWI sessions this week. The children have now been taught all the Set 1 sounds. This week we learnt nk, and reviewed some of the sounds we were less confident with. Please refer to the following website to ensure that you are pronouncing the sounds correctly when you talk with your child at home about what they are learning in their RWI sessions: [http:// www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/sound-pronunciation-guide/](http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/sound-pronunciation-guide/)
Alternatively, please do not hesitate to ask any of the adults in the Reception class. 
- Don't forget PE kits are needed **every Monday** for our PE lesson and outdoor sessions are Wednesday mornings. Now that the weather is getting colder please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed. Warm layers underneath waterproofs will ensure your child doesn't get cold when they are enjoying the outdoors. Could you also ensure that a spare carrier bag is brought in so that we can put any dirty or wet clothes into it after the session.
- Please continue to encourage your child to read with you at least 5 times a week. Please also ensure that your child brings their reading book and diary to school **EVERY** day.
- Library books are changed on Mondays. Please ensure that library books are brought back on that day so that they can be changed.
- We are keen for you to share your child's achievements with us from outside of school and therefore ask that you fill in 'Eureka Moment' to tell us all about the fabulous things your children are learning outside of school. These 'wow' moments can be sent in then added to your child's learning journey book. In addition, the incredible stars help us to know your child's current interests and we can therefore use them when planning our activities.
- Don't forget our next open session is next Friday 18th November at 2:30pm. Please note that due to Mrs Sproston, Miss Sweet and Mrs Edwards being on early years training (along with Mrs Malone), Mrs Sheldon will be taking the class and looks forward to meeting you. Many of you already know Mrs Sheldon who is an outstanding early years practitioner. Due to safeguarding mobile phones **MUST** be handed in at the gate before entering the classroom.

THANK YOU! Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Sproston, Miss Sweet, Mrs Andrews and Mrs Bailey