

Reception News

Autumn 2 Week 3 - 24th November 2023

What have we been learning?

- ◆ This week we have continued to think about the Hindu festival of Diwali and especially the story of Rama and Sita. We sequenced some pictures from the story on the big whiteboard in a Flow Map. Then, we each worked with Mrs Short independently to retell the story in our own words, whilst she wrote down exactly what we said - *what a lot of detailed story retellings there were!*
- ◆ This week we have been learning the sound **z** & the digraphs **zz**, **qu** and **ch**. We have tasted **Zoo** biscuits for **z**, **Quavers** for **qu** & **Mini Cheddars** for **ch**. We have been practising reading cvc words (consonant vowel consonant) by segmenting the sounds in the words & then blending them together again as part of our Phonics sessions.
- ◆ We have thinking about the **5ness of 5** this week. We have looked at different groups of 5 objects & also the different ways that 5 can be represented. We have also been trying hard to find one more than a number up to 10. We have been using our fingers & number lines to help us...we are getting really good at this now!

Our beautiful Diva Lamps

Our poppadom "smiles"

Mendhi hand patterns

Homework

Literacy

- Tricky words
- Recap on the sounds taught, especially **z**, **zz**, **qu** & **ch**. *Can your child identify them in their brown sound book? Can they think of any words that contain those sounds?*
- Reading books - Please support your child with reading their new reading books, encouraging them to sound out and blend unfamiliar words and to read tricky words by sight.

Maths

- **I Spy number 5** - can your child find & draw a circle around all the different ways of representing number 5?
- Practise saying the number 1 more than numbers to 10. (When your child is confident with this orally, you could use numbers up to 20 but only if they are ready for a challenge!).