

Reception News

Autumn 2 Week 3 - 21st November 2025

What have we been learning?

- ◆ This week we have been learning all about the Hindu festival of **Diwali**, also known as the 'festival of light'. We have heard a story about Rama and Sita, made Diwali cards, drawn Mendhi patterns on the outline of our hands, coloured in pictures of 'diva lamps' & made our own out of playdough. We've had lots of fun!
- ◆ 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** & **cheese** 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 & our big washing line of numbers to help us...we are getting really good at this now!

Diwali

Divalamps

Homework

Literacy

- Sight words - please recap on all of the tricky words which have been sent home in word packets.
- Recap on the sounds taught, especially **z**, **zz**, **qu** & **ch**. *Can your child identify them in their purple 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 read familiar 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!*).

A point to note...

Please can you continue to work with your child on fastening their coat independently. Although lots of the children have now mastered this life skill, we do seem to have several who are still finding this very tricky to manage by themselves.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.