

Reception Newsletter

Friday 5th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have been recapping the phase 2 sounds s, a, t, p, i, n, m and d. We have learnt the new sounds g, o, c and k and practised blending the sounds together to read words. We have been practising these sounds so we are secure at recognising them all by sight. We have also been practising recognising the Phase 2 tricky word 'is.' We have been forming the letters t and p. Please keep practising these sounds with your child at home, little and often is usually the best! Next week, we will be learning the sounds ck, e, u and r and will be forming the letters i and n. We will be learning the new tricky word 'l.' Please keep sharing your child's reading book at home and sign next to the book title in their reading diary with a comment of how they have done with their reading book at home. We will aim to change the reading scheme books once a week. Please ensure that your child's reading book comes back to school each day in their reading packet as this book is also used to listen to your child read at school throughout the week.

This week in Numeracy, we have been learning about circles and triangles and that circles have one curved side and a triangle has 3 straight sides. We have been busy recognising circles and triangles both in the classroom and outside. We have shown the children a variety of different sized circles and triangles in different orientations and with sides of different lengths. You could challenge your child further and ask them to count how many triangles or circles they can find at home or when out on a local walk. Which did they find more of or less of? We have also been learning about positional language as we have practised describing how items are positioned in relation to other items e.g. Cheeky Monkey is next to/on top/in front of/behind the tree etc.

In our topic work this week we have enjoyed learning all about Diwali which is the festival of light. We learnt how some people celebrate Diwali with their friends and family and the different kinds of celebrations and festivities that take place. We enjoyed creating elephants, making and tasting food for Diwali and explored dance and music during our Diwali PE session.

This week's **'Talking Topic'** is: I can tell you about Diwali the festival of light.

Following on from our learning during enquiry learning, this week's word of the week is: **Diwali**.

The Early Years Foundation Stage information evening will take place on Monday 8th November. The Reception Unit will be open for you to have a look around from 5:30pm and the information evening will start at 6pm in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you then.

If you do have any concerns or questions do not hesitate to write them in your child's orange home/school book.

Many thanks

Mrs Rothwell and Miss Mason