

Reception Newsletter

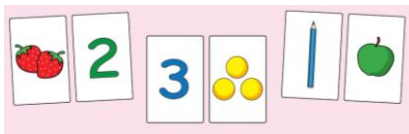
Friday 17th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have learnt the sounds **ff**, **ll**, **ss** and **j**. We have learnt to read and spell words with these sounds in them such as huff, hill and fuss. We have learnt to read the tricky word **as** and recapped the tricky words **I**, **the** and **is**. On the reverse of this letter are all of the words that your child should be working towards reading independently. Throughout the week, we have been encouraging children to label their models and write captions to go with pictures. Next week, we will continue to learn new sounds and words.

Once your child begins to develop in confidence at the skill of blending, they will be given a book to read at home. This book is fully decodable and can be used to practise the skill of blending the sounds together to help them read each word. They will also bring home a library book each Wednesday. This book is a book to share with an adult as they talk about the story, discuss what is happening in the pictures and make predictions about what might happen next. Reading and sharing both books at home will help them to work towards becoming a more fluent reader throughout the year. Please could your child's reading scheme book be returned in their plastic reading packet each day as these books are also shared at school. If you would like any further information on our Little Wandle reading scheme please just ask by writing in your child's home/school book or visit the Little Wandle website at www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk

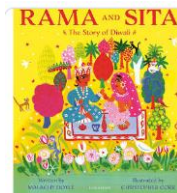
In Numeracy, we have been playing 'show me' fingers and looking at the different ways that we can use our fingers to make numbers. We have been exploring different representations of 1, 2 and 3 and matched the numerals to their quantities. We encouraged the children to touch each object as they count. They then recognised that the final number they say is the quantity in that set. Next week we will be encouraging the children to subitise groups of up to 1, 2 and 3 objects which refers to instantly recognising the number of objects without needing to count them. We have also been practising forming the numbers 0-3.



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.

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

If you would like your child to enjoy a bun on a Friday then please send your child into school with 20p. All proceeds will go towards our school's chosen charities. This week our bun money went towards helping Children in Need.



Our class reader this week is: Rama and Sita – The Story of Diwali

Please click on the link below to share this week's Diwali song with your child.

[Diwali song](#)

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 21st November 2:30-3pm – RM Open Door session

Tuesday 28th November 2:30-3pm – RV Open Door session

Wednesday 6th December at 9:15am – Reception Christmas Spectacular.

Monday 18th December – Reception Christmas Party. (The children can come to school in their party clothes).

Tuesday 19th December- School Christmas Carol Service at St John's Church (pupils only).


Thursday 21st December – Christmas Jumper Day.

This week's 'Talking Topic' is:

Many thanks

I can tell you about
Diwali the festival of
light.

Miss Mason, Miss Vine and Mrs Rothwell

Decodable Words	a	is	dad	mum
	an	it	had	but
	as	off	back	put
	at	on	and	him
	if	can	get	
	in	big	his	
	up	not	got	
 Tricky words	the	is	I	as

