

Reception Newsletter

Friday 24th October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

In Literacy this week, we have recapped the sounds **s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, e, u, h, b, f** and **l**. We have now learnt the tricky words **l, is** and **the** and are busy practising reading these words by sight instead of sounding them out. We have been assessing your child on their phonics knowledge so far and you should now have your child's feedback sheet with next steps for them to work on. Please encourage your child to keep practising their sounds and either orally blend the sounds in words or read the sounds in words to blend if they are ready. Playing games such as I Spy can help the children to hear the initial sound in each word.

This week in Numeracy, we have been exploring simple patterns and developed our understanding and concept of the word pattern. We have been learning that a pattern is a repeated unit and can be both visual and auditory. We have been busy making our own repeating patterns using objects and encouraged the children to join in with repeated patterns in sound patterns and rhymes and we noticed the patterns in stories where words were repeated. You could encourage your child to point out any repeating patterns in their home or when out and about in the environment. After the half term holiday, we will be exploring different representations of 1, 2 and 3.

In our topic work this week we have enjoyed learning all about Diwali which is the Hindu 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 and made our very own Mango Lassis which were very delicious!

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

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

[Diwali song](#)

This week's  'Talking Topic' is: **I can tell you all about Diwali**

Throughout the next half term, we will be starting our enquiry learning 'Festival Fun and Super Celebrations.' If you have not yet returned your enquiry learning question, then please bring this back to school during the first week back.

Thank you to those who have offered to come and be our 'Mystery Reader' in Reception. We will be in touch after the half term holiday to organise a suitable date and time for you.

Please find below a link to our 'Starting school' questionnaire. We would really appreciate your feedback on how your child has settled into school at Woodhouse and how you yourself as a parent/carers have found the settling into school process. If you could fill in the form by clicking on the link below we would be very grateful. Thank you!

[Child Settling in Questionnaire – Fill out form](#)
[Parent Settling in Questionnaire – Fill out form](#)

Finally, we hope you have an enjoyable half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 4th November.

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 Molloy, Miss Vine, Mrs Rothwell and the Reception team