



## Reception Newsletter w/b 2<sup>nd</sup> November



Welcome back! We hope you had a fun half term. As we enter into Lockdown 2, please be assured we are doing everything to keep your children safe in school. The children have settled back into school life really well and were very pleased to see each other on our first day back! We love this half term with lots of celebrating and enjoying the run up to Christmas (dare I say the word!).

### **This Week...**

In Maths this week, we have been working on finding 'one more'. We have used many different types of resources to help us visualise how one more looks. The children have used 5 frames and 10 frames to help them find one more than a given number. You could carry this on at home by using toys or teddies and asking children to find one more of a set number.

We have talked a lot about Bonfire Night and especially keeping safe. We briefly touched on Guy Fawkes and King James.

In Phonics, we have split off into different groups to consolidate our Phase 2 sounds. Please remember that the sound mate is on Seesaw for you to use at home.

Most children now have books with words in them. At the moment, we are working mostly on recognising key names and words such as: and, a, the, it, is. Your child should have now come home with a set of tricky words held together with a treasury tag. We encourage you to practise these every night.

### **Next week...**

It is a very busy week in Reception next week. There are many special times for us to discuss and celebrate. Our main theme is 'Diwali' and we will enjoy making diva lamps, exploring patterns, learning the story of Rama and Sita, practising our fine motor control and creating celebration cards.

In Maths we will be looking at 'one less'. We always find that this is a tricky concept for children in Reception; any support at home would be extremely beneficial. We always find making lines of resources and physically taking one away is the best way for children to learn this concept.

We will also be discussing 'Remembrance Day' and helping to raise money for 'Children in Need'. It is also our Flu Vaccine on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>.

In PE, we have started our unit called 'How to Catch a Star' children will enjoy moving like stars, balancing like stars and jumping like stars! It is helpful that they are already stars!

### Upcoming dates:

- Parents Zoom Meetings: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November
  - 13<sup>th</sup> November - Flu Vaccinations and Children in Need
- PE still remains a Tuesday and Friday.

### Staff

The lovely Miss Kitt has joined us. Miss Kitt is a very experienced Higher Level Teaching Assistant who is completing her final placement to become a teacher. She will take the lead, overseen by Mrs Todd, on a Wednesday Thursday and Friday. The children have already made her feel very welcome. Mrs Todd will be taking small groups and 1:1 sessions with children.