

# Reception News

Autumn 2 Week 3 - 19th November 2021

## 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 hands and created our own Rangoli patterns using both the computers and different classroom equipment (2D shapes, cubes). We tasted poppadoms too...mmm! We've had lots of fun!
- ◆ This week we have been learning the sounds **v, w, x** and **y**. We have tried drinking **Vimto** and eating **yoghurt** and **Wheaties** cereal. We have been practising reading cvc words, by playing some reading games on the big whiteboard, to help us with segmenting the sounds in the words and then blending them together again.
- ◆ In maths we have been learning how to read and write number 9 by meeting **Nina Nine** from Ten Town. We have also been thinking about the concepts of more and less/fewer. We have looked at two sets of objects and tried to work out which set has more - firstly just by looking & then checking our predictions by counting the amount of objects in each set.

Our beautiful Diva lamps.

Rangoli patterns.

## Homework

### Literacy

- Sight words - recap on all tricky words which have been sent home in word packets.
- Recap on the sounds taught, especially **v, w, x** and **y**. *Can your child identify them in their 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

- This week we have been thinking about the concepts of more and less/fewer. Have two sets of something (e.g. pasta, Lego bricks, sweets etc) and encourage your child to use the language of quantity to compare them. *Can they identify which set has more? Can they explain how they know that it has more?*

## 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.