

St Mary's C of E Primary School

Butterfly Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Families,

We hope you had a restful half term break. It has been lovely having the children back in school. This week we have been thinking about Diwali. The children have learnt the story of Rama and Sita and have role-played it in our small world area. They have also looked at how different children celebrate Diwali and have compared it to things they celebrate at home. We have created chalk Rangoli patterns, played musical instruments, designed Mendhi's and made their own Diva lamp. What a lot of fun learning!

In Maths, we have been looking closely at numbers and thinking about how bigger numbers are made up of smaller numbers, for example, the number 4 is a 3 and 1, or a 2 and a 2. Numberblocks is a really good way for the children to visually understand this. We have also started looking at 1p & 2p coins.

Notices for the week:

- Each morning, the children have been using a template to trace their names. Please continue to practise at home.
- Now that the children have reading diaries, please can you record 3 reading sessions per week. Just looking at the pictures and asking questions about stories, really helps to support children in becoming confident readers.
- Please may we ask that children who have a school dinner do not bring packed lunch too. If the children have a packed lunch, they do not want to try the school dinner

and lots of food is being returned to the kitchen that has not been eaten.

- In the front of each reading diary, is an ICT user agreement. We have discussed keeping safe online with the children, and would be grateful if you could remind them of the agreement, and then sign and date the document.
- **Wednesday 16th November - phonics workshop.** This will be held at 2:30 and we would really love to see you all there.
- Nativity costume letters are in their bookbags!

Optional home learning:

Tonight, all of the children will be taking home a phonics learning pack. There is an information sheet inside explaining what this is, but in short, this is an opportunity for you to practise phonics work with your child at home. This pack is to last you until Christmas, so work through it at your own pace. Any questions, please ask!

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Davies, Mrs Sage and Mrs King

