

## Reception Newsletter 5th November 2021

Dear parents/carers,

### **This week we have been:**

- Learning about Diwali! We have been finding out how families celebrate, making paper lanterns and learning about how Diwali is the 'Festival of Light'.
- Practising our 2D shape names by making 2d shape pumpkin faces. Children are quite confident with most 2d shapes now, although rectangle, pentagon and hexagon can still be a little tricky! If you see any at home please point them out and count their sides and corners this weekend :)
- Learning about Bonfire Night traditions and why it is celebrated. Children have drawn some beautiful firework pictures using chalk, and talked about repeating patterns. Children learnt a little about Guy Fawkes and King James. We wonder if they can remember and tell you the rhyme 'Remember, remember the 5th of November'!
- Revisiting old phonics sounds taught, especially those trickier ones that had been forgotten over the holidays such as f and b.

### **Next week we will be:**

- Learning about 3D shapes. Children will be given opportunities to investigate which 3D shapes roll and which don't, and talk about why. As well as which 3D shapes are good at stacking and which aren't.
- Learning the book 'The Everywhere Bear' by Julia Donaldson.
- We will be talking about favourite toys, and as a hook into the topic on Monday we would love it if children could bring in one favourite toy from home (not too big ideally, and name labelled somehow please) for the day. Children will have the opportunity to show and tell their favourite toy and we will also be making salt dough models of our favourite toys too. If a parent from each class would put this message out on whatsapp groups that would be amazing, so that as many children as possible can join in. Thank you!

### **You can help at home by:**

- Doing lots of breaking words down into their sounds and asking children to guess what you are saying! For example:  
Can you pass me the 'p-e-n'? Time for the 'b-a-th'. This may sound silly but is the best way to get children confident with blending and segmenting words for spelling and reading.

**Have a lovely weekend, Katie, Sarah and the EY team**