



Sunflowers' Newsletter

23.11.2022

Dear Parents,

This week we will be learning about Diwali, the festival of light . We will read the story of Rama and Sita and discuss some of the customs and traditions of the festival. We will make the story of Rama and Sita available on Google Classroom for you to explore further with your child, if you wish to.

Phonics

This week ,we will be learning the sounds v,y,w,th.

As the children are learning more sounds, they are beginning to blend these together to read words. With your child, sound out some simple words (eg.cat, sat, mat, ship, rug) by saying the word slowly and helping them to recognise each individual sound.

Follow these steps:

- say 'cat'
- hold up 3 fingers
- pinch each finger as you sound out c-a-t
- repeat the word

Repeat each step a few times before moving on to another word.

Phonics Training for Parents

Ordinarily we would invite parents in to school for information about phonics and how we teach children to read and write. This training will be available virtually and will be loaded on to Google Classroom later this week.

Maths– Light and Dark (4 and 5)

This week we will be focusing on the numbers 4 and 5. Support your child to count on and back to these numbers. Challenge them to do 4 or 5 things eg. 4 claps/ 4 jumps/ 4 toe touches etc, reminding them to count and stop at the correct number. Split 4 or 5 items in to 2 groups. Ask them 'If I have 3, how many do you have? 3 and 1 make 4 etc.'

Book Trust

The BookTrust have provided a free book for every child in reception, along with ideas for promoting reading at home. These will go home with your child this week with their reading folders. These books are for you to keep, they do not need to be returned to school.

PE kits

As this Friday is non-uniform day, we are asking you to please send your child into school wearing clothing suitable for PE, (eg leggings/tracksuit etc). Children will not change for PE this week, and will do it in the clothes they wear to school. Children will be asked to take their shoes and socks off, so please ensure that you provide shoes that they can remove and put on independently.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Munday and Mrs Beckley

