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# Sunflower Newsletter

Last week, the children learnt about the Hindu religion and the festival of Diwali. They made beautiful diva lamps which they took home today.

Last week we also started 'Helicopter Stories' which is acting out the stories that the children tell. The children thought of some very good stories and were super actors. We will use this approach weekly to encourage children's confidence and to improve their communication and language.

## Topic

The children are very interested in the bugs that are appearing in the garden this Spring. This week we will be learning more about ladybirds, snails and caterpillars. If you go on a bug hunt with your child please do add an observation to Tapestry.

## Maths: First, Then, Now

This week we will be learning about adding using the language of first, then, now to tell Maths 'stories' eg. **first** there were 4 people on the bus, **then** 2 got on, **now** there are 6 people left on the bus. We will be relating this to the symbol for addition.

You can support your child at home by trying to use the same language. **First** there were 2 people in the car, **then** Mum got in, **now** there are 3 people in the car. You can also use blocks or Lego to show which has more and count the difference between towers.

## Daily Maths Practise

In Maths the children are learning their number bonds to 5 ( $5+0$ ,  $4+1$ ,  $3+2$ ,  $2+3$ ,  $1+4$ ,  $0+5$ ). For children to achieve the number early learning goal they have to 'automatically recall' number bonds to 5. At school we practise this almost daily. The adult will say 4, they say 1, we say 2 they say 3 etc. It would be a great help if you can support them with this at home too and add it in to your daily routine. At first the child will use their fingers to count but eventually will remember without any fingers. Some children may be more confident and begin practising their number bonds to 10.

## Coats/Jackets

Just a reminder that every child should have a coat or jacket at school **with a hood** every day. This week we will be going over to the church for whole school mass and with the weather still remaining changeable there is always a chance that we will get caught in a shower. As we come in to the summer, I still recommend having a jacket at school- even a small waterproof raincoat that can stay in the school bag.

**Thank you for your continued support.**