



Sunflowers' Newsletter

Term 2
W/C: 28.10.19

Dear Parents and carers

We hope you had an enjoyable half term with your children. This week, we are learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali. We will be learning about how Hindu children celebrate Diwali and the story of Rama and Sita, which is the origin of the festival. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn about the different ways that families enjoy religious celebrations and is a good way to develop tolerance and understanding of other cultures.



Phonics

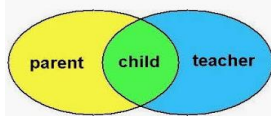
We hope you have managed to spend some time with your children over the half term learning the sounds from the assessment sheet we sent home. It is vital that children know their sounds, as we can't begin to blend sounds to read words until they have secured this knowledge.

This week we will be learning the sounds
l, h, sh, r and j

Phonics
ee ur ow
wh y au

Parent Consultation Meetings

Please be reminded that the individual parent consultation meetings will be held next week on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th November. Please return your slip to confirm your appointment time if you have not already done so. We are looking forward to meeting with you all to discuss how your child has settled into school and the progress they have made.



Reading

Children were assessed before the half term on their ability to recognise sounds, hear sounds in words and blend sounds to read words. If your child is able to do all three, you should today receive a reading book with words in. If your child is still learning the sounds and developing the skill of blending sounds, they will continue with the picture books until they are ready to move onto the next step. Please ensure that reading folders are brought into school every day. The reading books will now be changed twice a week. Please read the book with your child every night and make a comment in the reading record. It is also important for you to read other books to your child every day to build their love of stories and their breadth of vocabulary.



Thank you for your
continued support
Mrs Beckley and Ms Head

