

# Reception Class Weekly Newsletter

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Hello !

What have we been learning in reception this week?

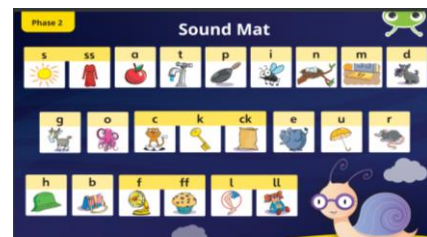
## Maths

The children have been exploring many ways to represent the numbers 1-5. Whilst doing this we have been focussing on the composition of numbers. This involves knowing the 1 more than, 1 less than relationship between consecutive whole numbers.

**Key Vocabulary:** 1 more, 1 less, first, next, then, before, after, one, two, three, four, five, pair.

## Phonics

We have learnt all our phase 2 phonemes and graphemes.



We are continuing to practise our blending (reading). E.g. first we say the sounds and blend them together **“s-o-ck, sock”**.

**Home learning:**

- Please read with your children at home, encouraging them to say the sounds and blend (“squash”) the sounds together to read the word.
- Continue to use the fine motor skills activities (provided at parents evening) to develop strength in hands and support children’s writing.

## Our core text this week was:



This week we have been learning about the Hindu celebration, Diwali.

The children enjoyed reading this text and we have done lots of learning about what happens during Diwali and how they celebrate.

Throughout continuous provision we have been creating rangoli patterns (using blocks, colours and natural resources during outdoor play).

During forest school the children made their own firework sticks, using leaves, glitter and pipe cleaners.

Also, Mrs Malik has kindly brought in Mehndi and demonstrated how to create a pattern.

## Our Core text next week:

### Julian at the Wedding



Next week, we will be continuing our half termly topic **‘Festivals and Celebrations’** with a focus on weddings.

We will be looking at the similarities and differences of weddings in different cultures.

**If you have any wedding photos that the children would like to talk about, please send them to me 😊**

**We will be doing this throughout the week.**

**Important Notes:**

- Forest school will be on Monday next week. However, this can change due to staffing arrangements. If the children can keep their wellies and waterproofs at school this would be much appreciated.
- The weather is getting much colder now, please send your child with appropriate clothing. This includes a warm coat, gloves, scarfs and hats because we will still go out for play/out-door learning every day.
- **PE** is **Friday morning**. Please bring a PE kit.

**Awards:**

Mathematician of the week: Haaris

Our value - Peace: Daisy

Thankyou for taking the time to read this 😊

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Smith, Miss Haworth and Mrs Malik