# Reception newsletter\*

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November



The children have been solving addition calculations by counting out bones. 2+2=? If I have two bones and two more, how many do I have altogether? (Don't worry we used Biskit's treats)

While making Rangoli patterns the children have developed their knowledge of two dimensional shapes. They have used squares, rectangles, circles, triangles and even the odd pentagon!

We are still practising recognising the numerals to 10 and then 20.

### **English development**

The children have shared, ordered and retold the Diwali story of Rama and Sita. They have been excellent at remembering the extra details such as how the characters felt.

They have learnt to read and write the sounds m, a, s, t, p, c, k, i, d, n, o, g, e, f, I, u. The children are beginning to sound out cvc (consonant, vowel, consonant) words using these letters. For example; cat, mat, sat, dig, pet, dog, mad.

#### **Useful Information**

Your snack money contributions over the past fortnight have provided pitta bread and humous, milkshake, biscuit ingredients, toast and butter, cucumber and of course our favourite cheese and crackers.

Gymnastics is still taking place every Tuesday and the children are getting so good at it! Please make sure earrings are removed for Tuesdays. It is for the children's safety.

Staff will be in touch with you over the coming weeks asking you to come in and share your child's learning journey and next steps.

#### **Busy learning**

The children have learnt about Diwali. They have used puppets to retell the story of Rama and Sita; eaten poppadoms, naan bread and mango chutney as well as tasting traditional Diwali sweets. They have made rangoli patterns and diva lamps.

They have created sparkly firework pictures and used cardboard tubes to make rockets. They have shared their experiences of firework night with each other and have used simple software to design their own firework display.

We all observed the two minutes of silence on Remembrance Day and talked about those people who have helped us.