



## WINHILLS

### Reception

## Fortnightly Newsletter

### Busy learning

The children have returned from half term with an abundance of enthusiasm. They really enjoyed sharing the story of 'Funnybones'. They listened to the different stories in the series and learned the songs. They learnt the names of the different bones in the body; they labeled the skull, spine and hips. The children excavated bones and built human, dog and even dinosaur skeletons.

This past week the children have been learning all about the Hindu celebration of Diwali. They have watched videos, shared non fiction books and looked at photographs to learn about how and why it is celebrated. The children can tell you all about Rangoli patterns, candles and fire-works but they were most excited to learn that the celebration lasts for 5 days! They have also been brave and tried some popadoms, vegetable samosas and onion bhajis!

### Mathematics

The children spent last week exploring addition and partitioning with dog bones. They had to start with a number and find out how they could split it into 2 groups, they were really good at describing what they had found, for example "4 is the same as 2 and 1."

This week the children have been learning about 2D shape inspired by some of the beautiful Rangoli patterns they have been looking at. They used squares, triangles, rectangles and circles, and have been learning about the hexagon. The children can count the sides and corners.

### English

The children loved writing speech bubbles and labels about the 'Funnybones' stories. This week they have looked at non-fiction books to learn about Diwali and made a poster to show what we know. In their pink books the children have written about the noises that fireworks make; words like whoosh, pop, boom and bang.

The children have continued with their phonics, learning all of the set 1 sounds, they are working hard on listening carefully to the initial sounds of the words. They have been continuing to practise writing their letters using cursive handwriting, whooshing in and flicking out. '

### Reminders

The children all look really smart in their school uniform, please make sure all their items are named so we can (hopefully) re-unite lost items. Could we ask that you check you have your child's clothes at home and in PE bags as we have a growing list of items that are missing. Please also ensure your child has a water bottle, coat and wellies in school with them at all times.

On Wednesdays the children have zumba; please make they have their PE kit and earrings are removed.

**Nurture**

**Inspire**

**Flourish**