





Class One



Friday 16th November 2018



We have had a very busy two weeks back from half term. In the first week back we looked at two festivals which took place in November: Bonfire Night and Diwali. To help us celebrate Bonfire Night we created colourful chalk pictures and used adjectives to describe fireworks. We used our senses to think about all the different elements that make up a bonfire night celebration. At the end of the week, we focused on the Hindu festival of Diwali. We used our acting and role play skills to retell the story of Rama and Sita and got busy designing and making our own Diva Lamps out of clay.

This week we started our first child chosen topic of Superheroes. Before half term, we sat down as a class and talked about different topics that we would like to learn about and then took a vote to decide. We started off our week by working together to build a superhero HQ and come up with the rules for playing inside. We have been using different superheroes to support our maths work: focusing number recognition and simple addition. Last week's Maths Workshop was a wonderful opportunity for us to show how we can set up different activities to encourage maths learning around the environment. Thank you for those who were able to attend.

This week we started guided reading groups, where the children will be looking closely at different books and developing reading and understanding skills. The children have also changed their reading books this week and we would like to say thank you for all the wonderful reading at home, the children have been excited to tell us all about it.

Christmas is nearly upon us, so we have started rehearsal for the Christmas play. Reception children have all been given their roles and line(s) to learn. We have a lot of costumes in school, please talk to a member of the team if you would like to use one of them.

The Christmas fayre will be taking place on Friday 30th November. Class One will be baking Christmas Cookies to sell at the fayre.

We now have individual named water bottles in Class one for the children to use during the school day. The bottles will say in school and be cleaned each evening. The children won't need to bring a water bottle from home.

Class One Team

Phonics:

Reception have been working hard learning their phase 2 sounds. Their sound books have been updated, so they can keep practicing and showing you the actions.

Nursery have started phase 1 phonics and have been focusing on developing their listening skills through lots of games.

A suggested activity to complete at home...

This week why not try and design your own superhero? What powers might they have? What does their superhero costume look like? On the sheet there is also a Superhero Physical Challenge for the children to attempt.