



**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half term.

### **This week in Reception**

This week we will be continuing our topic 'Light and Colour' and the focus will be Diwali and Bonfire Night.

**Phonics**  
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#### **Phonic focus for this week**

This week we will recap all the phase 2 sounds taught last term and will introduce the sounds 'v' and 'j'. We will use Jolly Phonic actions and songs to help support the learning. We will learn three new tricky words- to, go and no.

### **Maths**

This week we will be recognising and learning the names of 2D shapes. We will start with circle, square, triangle, rectangle and then introduce hexagon, pentagon and octagon. We will also do some work on shape patterns.



### **What can you do at home?**

1. Please help your child practise the sounds and make sure the sound book is in their book bag the following Thursday so the new sounds can be stuck in.
2. **Please read the home reading book regularly, and write a comment in the reading diary each time. An adult will hear your child read once a week and they will be given a new book – please keep this in their book bags every day.**
3. Practise reading the tricky words we have covered. Mini flashcards are at the back of your child's sound book and you can look for the tricky words in books
4. Look for 2D shapes in your home. Can your child name them and tell you something about each shape?
5. Keep practising name writing using the school script.
6. Practise putting on and taking off coats and jumpers, some children are finding it particularly difficult when sleeves are inside out. Also, practise doing up zips on coats.



### **Action points**

★Show & Tell will be this Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November for Group 2 and the theme is 'Autumn'. The children can bring in autumn objects collected from a walk, photos of them on finding autumn objects or they can make an autumn picture using autumn objects. It is up to you, you can be as creative as you like.

★PE will be on Tuesdays this half term.

★We visit the Library every Tuesday. Please return the book the following Tuesday so your child can choose a new one.

★Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day.

★We provide fruit and milk for a mid-morning snack. There is usually a variety of fruit and vegetables available. If you prefer to provide a healthy snack, please make sure it is clearly labelled with your child's name.

★Please collect junk materials; we particularly need boxes (no bigger than a cereal box), yoghurt pots, bottle lids, corks and paper tubes. Please could all boxes be sent in 'flat packed'. If you are able to help turn boxes inside out and re-tape them let one of the reception team know.

If you have any concerns please feel free to come and chat to one of us.

*Reception Team*

