

Week Beginning: 20th October 2025

Next week, we will be learning about...

Topic:

We will be learning about Diwali, exploring the traditions and celebrations of this special festival. We will continue to learn about people who help us as part of our '999 Emergency' topic. On Tuesday, we have organised a visit from a police officer who will be bringing his police car with him! We will also focus on using our manners and being polite.

Phonics:

Next week we will be revisiting all the sounds we have learnt this half term. We will focus on identifying the initial sound in words and blending them to read CVC words. We will review the tricky words we have learnt so far: the, I, is.

Maths:

We will be learning about 2D shapes including circles, squares, triangles, and rectangles/oblongs. We will be exploring how to identify and describe these shapes based on their properties, such as the number of sides, corners and whether the sides are equal.

How you could help your child at home:

- Read with your child at least 3x a week. We will begin to send books home containing words that use the sounds your child has learnt, as and when they are ready for these. Practice identifying the sounds and blending them together.
- Go on a shape hunt. What shapes can you find in your environment? Can you look both indoors and outdoors? Can you name them and describe their properties (e.g. number of sides)?
- Daily practise of the phonemes we have learnt so far – we will give out paper sets of flashcards at Parents' Evening to keep at home to help with this!
- Practise name recognition and name writing. Possible activity suggestions:
 - Write the letters of your child's name out on separate post it notes and see if they can put them in the correct order.
 - Your child could trace over their name using different coloured whiteboard pens or crayons, forming a rainbow.

Reminders:

- Please return reading books on a Friday so children can be given a new book.
- Please return library books on a Wednesday so the children can change these when they visit the school library.
- **Tuesday 21st October** – 'Making your Mark' An Introduction to Writing in Early Years – parent drop-in session 8:30-9:00am in classrooms
- **Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October** – Parents' Evenings
- **Thursday 23rd October** – Individual school photographs. Please send your child to school wearing their school uniform and bring PE kits in a named bag to change into after photos have been taken.

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