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Dear Parents/Carers

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Weekly Newsletter

We have had an amazing first week back after the half term holiday in Julia Donaldson class. We have been so impressed with how ready the children have come back to continue their learning! We have started our new topics of Sacraments in RE and Traditional Tales and Diwali in literacy.

In the outside area the children have been talking a lot about fireworks and have been designing their own firework rockets from 2D shapes. The children have made the most of the chilly weather and have wrapped up warm to enable some rocket building with the blocks and mask making.

In the inside area the children have been creating some beautiful Diwali pictures and have been using the whiteboards to practice writing some CVC words that they have learnt in phonics on their magnetic boards. We are really proud of all of the children with their reading and writing efforts, thank you for all your support with this at home. We are starting to send home some high frequency words for the children to practice reading which will support them when reading their books.

In number time, we received a letter from 'The Gingerbread Man'. He set us some number challenges which helped him get across the river and away from the Fox! The children's ability to write their numbers has come on dramatically and we have been so impressed with how quickly this has developed.

In phonics the sounds we have been reviewing are m,a, and s. The children have been assessed and have consequently been put into new phonics groups, allowing us to give more tailored support. We will be sending home from specific resources across the half term.

When children have been choosing their learning, they have been really interested in Rangoli patterns from the Diwali festival and using the playdough to design wedding cakes and cupcakes.

Dates for the diary:

- 12th November - Please could the children come into school wearing odd socks to help promote difference in light of our whole school anti-bullying week
- 28th November - Individual school photos
- 3rd and 4th December 1:30-2:30 - Foundation Nativity Play

Thank you for all of your continued support, we have really noticed how ready to learn the children have come in after the holidays and it is great to see all of the home learning that the children have shown us.

Have a lovely weekend and we shall see you all next week. God bless.

Yours sincerely,

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