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Dear Foundation Parents/Carers

9th November 2018

**Weekly Newsletter**

We have had a brilliant week in Julia Donaldson class. The children have been getting stuck into our new topic, Traditional tales. We have been exploring the story of 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'Rama and Sita' which has influenced our number time learning and Diwali topic.

In the outside area this week the children have been designing and making marble runs. We have then investigated cause and effect through pipes and runs for other objects and our voices. These scientific investigations have helped the children learn about angles; by putting objects down the pipes and tubes at different heights. The children have also been creating their own Scary House and a Pirate Ship, then combined both to make a dramatic story.

In number time, we have been securing our knowledge around number recognition and learning new number vocabulary such as 'altogether', and 'one more'. Through number recognition, the children have been able to create the foundation for further number problem learning such as addition. The children have been using the whiteboards inside to independently form and order their numbers correctly. The children have also been using the playdough to create and form numbers, some children have been using the baking trays to make cakes and count them as well. We are very proud of their progress!

In phonics we have been doing a total recap of the sounds and focussing on our oral and written segmenting and blending. We are amazed at their ability to retain these sounds and we are very excited when we see children using their phonetic abilities during their own choosing time.

The children have particularly enjoyed creating their own stories during oracy story time. We look forward to their story telling progression, thank you to all of the families that read with their children every night, this new vocabulary is really influencing their storytelling abilities. Additionally the children have really enjoyed learning about new cultures. The children have enjoyed hearing the story of Rama and Sita, and then listening to other Traditional Tales from India. This week we have focussed on the 'Festival of Diwali', the children have started making their own Diva Lamps which we will be sending home for you to enjoy next week. We hope you liked the video of the song the children have learnt in relation to this festival, we loved learning it!

We would like to remind parents that pick up is from 3:05-3:15. We have a duty of care to the other children that leave the school at 3:15, so we will be closing the door at this time so we are aware of where children are within the building. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this. Mrs Shaw and Miss Palarm.

Dates for the diary:

- **12th November- Odd socks day to raise awareness of 'anti-bullying week'**
- **15th November - Parents and families are invited in to look at their children's learning journeys in class for the afternoon**
- 20th November - Tempest Photography in for class photos
- 23rd November - Provisional date for the school disco
- 3rd and 4th December - Foundation Nativity - please come and watch!
- 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- 17th December - Class trip to Pennywell Farm
- 21st December - Last day of term



We hope you all have a lovely weekend. Yours sincerely, Miss McEvansoneya and Miss Emmett