



First Half Term

What a wonderful first half term the children have had. They have settled in so well and the new friendships blossoming is wonderful to see. The children now know our learning routines for the day and approach each day ready and excited for our new learning. The progress they have made, not just academically but personally and socially is fantastic! Well done on a cracking first half term, children!

Diwali

This week, we have been learning all about the religious celebration of Diwali. We discovered why this Festival of Light is special to Sikhs and Hindus and how it is celebrated over five days. The children created their very own Rangoli patterns and painted Mehndi designs on paper hands. We also had the pleasure of listening to some of our classmates who celebrate Diwali share how they marked this special occasion with their families.

Choices

In Literacy this week, we read *You Choose* and talked about what we would pick from each page and why. It was wonderful to hear the children chatting enthusiastically with their talk partners, taking turns to share their ideas. We have also been focusing on writing our names carefully and practising correct letter formation.

Comparing

In Maths, we have been comparing amounts by looking closely at the quantities and attributes of different objects. The children have used some fantastic mathematical vocabulary to describe and compare their findings—well done, everyone!

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Next half term, Mrs Grainger will resume her four-day week, which means Mrs Vella will be teaching Reception on Fridays. Mrs Vella is already a familiar face to the children, as she has been teaching in Year 1 this half term and often pops into our classroom to say hello. Please note – our P.E will be on Thursdays from next half term.

We hope you have a wonderful half term. The Reception Team 😊

Things to Remember:

- School reopens on Monday 3rd November
- Parents' Evening – Monday 10th or Wednesday 12th November. Please book an appointment via the school spider app.
- Library book changing day is Thursday.
- If your child brings home a decodable book, please see below for book changing days:

Monday –Parrots

Tuesday - Monkeys

Wednesday – Zebras



Star Awards

Christopher & Ahmad

Writer of the Week

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Our week in photos – check out our class gallery:

<https://www.harris.lancs.sch.uk/works/6754/9571>