

Diamond Class Weekly News Wb:17.10.22



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We check emails daily but not during class teaching time.

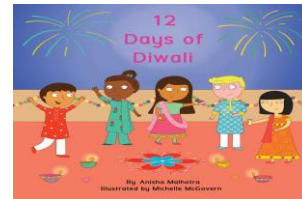


This week we have used the book '12 Days of Diwali' to learn a little bit about the largely Hindu Festival of Diwali.

Dates for the Diary:

Fr 21st Oct-Show racism the red card- wear something red
Fri 21st Oct-Last day of term
Mon 24th Oct-28th Oct-HALF TERM holidays
Mon 31st Oct – school re-opens
Wed 9th Nov - Sparhawk Open evening for prospective Reception
Fri 18th November – Children In Need(details to follow)
Wed 30th Nov-Reception tours, 10am
Wed 14th Dec, 9.30am-Nursery Christmas songs(details to follow)
Wed 14th Dec Wear a Christmas jumper to Nursery day
Th 16th Dec- last day of term
Wed 4th Jan – School re-opens-Happy New Year

Lots of children like using playdough but this week we have been using clay which is a lot harder to move in our hands! The children had a good feel and smell of the clay and then tried hard to pinch it to create a small pot that would fit a tea light(we called this a Diva light)



On some days we have learned some Diwali songs to familiar tunes such as 'Twinkle', 'Frere Jacques' and Mulberry Bush. Because they are mostly familiar with the tunes it has been easier to fit in new words 😊



School Values - These are woven into our school week:

Respect Collaboration Inquiry Inclusion Achievement Safety Confidence Independence

DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this first week where there are lots of new things for us all to learn-the process can take a little time especially at the start of the year.

In the morning it is lovely that you are able to come into Nursery again but if you prefer to drop in the cloakroom and go this is also fine.

At pick up we try to get the children ready in the order of the queue which can be tricky at times-please try to let us see your faces! **We ask just one parent/carer to come up to the door and only one family at a time please-in the long run we have found this to be a safer, quicker way to do things.**

If anyone new is picking up please let us know in the morning or via the school office – a password can be set if it is someone new or if they have not picked up for a long while.

BIRTHDAYS(as per school newsletter)

In the past many families have liked to celebrate with their class by bringing in small sweets to share. Due to an increase in allergies and for healthy bodies we will no longer do this as a school. If you would like to celebrate with the class we would love a book donation(new or pre-loved) and we will share this with the class on the day and add a book plate to celebrate. This is, of course, entirely optional 😊

TAPESTRY ONLINE LEARNING JOURNEY

As discussed at the home visit this is a safe and secure way of seeing how your children are learning in class in Nursery – we aim to update this each day from now on but do not want to over-use the Ipad during learning time when our focus is learning and playing with your child.

Parents/Carers with siblings- you should be able to access all siblings via your log in-if not then please email the class email or Mrs Goldsworthy(see below)

Parents/Carers new to school – you will receive an email which will prompt you to set up a Tapestry account. If you do not receive one then please email class email or Mrs Goldsworthy(see below)

This year we aim to keep you informed(in addition to the class newsletter) by:

1. Talking to you, where possible at drop off/pick up.
2. Posting class activities relevant to learning – this may involve whole class times that your child has been part of(even if they are not in any photos) to help to give you a flavor of what we have been doing and could provide a talking point at home.
3. Offering an Autumn and Spring term parents meeting and either a Summer term ‘report’ or another meeting(TBC)
4. Informal chats requested by you or us to support the learning while your child is in Nursery.

Why Tapestry ?

These links may be useful to help you to learn about how and why play is important and how to add your own observations from home.

To learn about why play is so important now and at any age!

<https://tapestry.info/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/08/Why-do-we-play.pdf>

To help you add an observation of fun and learning at home

<https://tapestry.info/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/07/Adding-Observations.pdf>

Please email Mrs Goldsworthy who is our administrator of Tapestry on: KGoldsworthy@sparhawk.school if you have any issues with logging in to Tapestry.