

Reception Class Newsletter – 24th October 2014

Thank you for your support and attendance at the Parent Teacher meetings this week, it was lovely to chat to you all. The next meetings take place in the spring term but please remember you can talk to us anytime about your child's progress or any questions that you may have. We have really enjoyed sharing the 'wow' moments that have been sent in. The children have very proudly shared their special moments with us. Don't worry if you haven't sent any in yet.



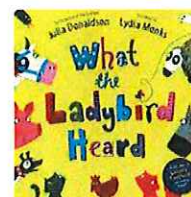
We have had another busy week and I can't believe half term is here already! I am amazed by how well the children have done this half term and how established and confident they are around school. They have not lost their enthusiasm and thirst for learning new things despite this being such a long half term!



We began the week finding out about the Hindu festival of lights, Diwali. We used the CBeebies programme 'Let's Celebrate' to help us. We watched two short programmes about a little girl called Jessica and how she prepares for and celebrates this special day with her family. The children have made their own clay divas which we will paint when they are dry. We used Purple Mash to make rangoli patterns. Rangoli patterns are traditionally put on the ground outside the house to welcome visitors. Mrs Hill made lanterns and taught the children a special Diwali song.

Is it a square or a rectangle? Is a question we have asked ourselves this week. We have been looking for 2D shapes around school, inside and out, as well as singing lots of songs about shapes and thinking about the properties of 2D shapes. We have focused primarily on square, circle, rectangle and triangle but we have extended it to hexagon, pentagon, heptagon, semi-circle, oval and diamond. Some children tried to make shapes using objects, sticks were very popular and easy to use.

We had our first mystery reader this week. On Wednesday at story time, Claudia's Daddy came to read the story 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson. If you would like to do this then please let us know so we can add you to our list. (No pressure but your child would LOVE you to!)



Congratulations to Zac and Annabel who are our two stars of the week and to Seth and Jake who sat on the special VIP table to eat their lunch today.

We hope everyone has an enjoyable half term break; the children have certainly earned it! Many thanks for all your support this term,

Mrs Rogers and Mrs Newbould