

Juniper Hill School

Information for Reception Parents

Term: Autumn 1

Topic: Diwali

One-week topic starting 20/10/25
Diwali is on **Monday 20th October**



Literacy

We will be learning about Diwali and how it is celebrated. We will be hearing the Diwali story of Rama and Sita, exploring this through role-play and encouraging the children to retell their own versions using puppets. We will also make and write our own Diwali cards.

This week in phonics, we will be recapping the sounds we have learnt this half term and introduce children to word time, where we will sounding out and blending our first set of CVC words.

Maths

We will be looking at and making repeating patterns. We will be using different shapes and colours to make ABAB patterns and then challenging ourselves to make ABCABC and AABB patterns. We will then use our pattern making skills to make a Diwali necklace.



Topic work

We will be using clay to mould and make our own diya lamps. We will be decorating them after the half term once they are dry and the children will then be able to bring them home. We will be using our creative skills to create Rangoli and Mendi patterns in various forms - this will also help our fine motor skills. We will be tasting some Indian foods and discussing our favourites - you could ask your child which foods they liked from the poppadoms, naan bread, curry sauce, mango chutney and rice that they will be trying.

Ways you can help

Please continue practicing and reinforcing the individual letter sounds using the sheets that have been sent home so far. Remember to revisit all sounds often to ensure children can read them confidently and speedily!

Reminders

- **Parents evening this week!** If you need reminding of your times, ask your teacher.
- **Sandwich lunch is Wednesday 22nd October.**
- As we are nearing the end of half term, the children are becoming tired and it is normal to expect some toileting accidents this week. Thank you to the those who have remembered to return any school underwear/clothes that have been given. **We are currently running low on underwear**, so please remember to return these as soon as possible! Thank you 😊