

## Learning in Reception this week – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – Rama and Sita



### Drawing Club Vocabulary

Each week the children learn new words relating to our theme of the week. They learn an action to help them remember each word. Ask your child about the words we have been learning this week.

- Courageous
- Evil
- Battle
- Wounded
- Tempted
- Kidnap
- Diwali
- Chariot



### Phonics

This week we have learnt the sounds:

**h b f ff l ll**

We have also learnt s a t p i n m d g o c k  
ck e u r ss so far.



### Amazing Artists

This week, as part of our learning about Diwali, we used **salt dough** to create a **diva**. We shaped and moulded the dough around a tealight candle. We then painted them and added glitter to make them sparkle!



### Maths

This week we learnt about the **number three**. We found things with a number 3 on: 3 spots on a dice, 3 spots on a domino (3&0, 2&1), 3 o'clock 3 x 1p coins, a 2p and 1p, the word 'three' and numeral '3'. We also thought about the 3 Little Pigs and 3 Bears.

We learnt "**1 and another 1 and another 1 makes 3**".

We also learnt about triangles, they have 3 sides and 3 corners. We used 3 sticks to make our own triangles.

You can watch the Numberblocks 'Three' and '1,2,3' episodes again here...

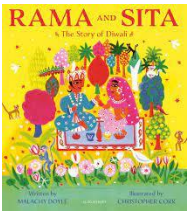
[Numberblocks Three](#)  
[Numberblocks 1, 2, 3](#)



### Discovery Detectives (History, Geography, Science)

This week we have been learning about **Diwali, the Festival of Lights**. We explored how people prepare for Diwali and how it is celebrated across the world. Some of the Reception children shared how they celebrate Diwali with their families. We learnt about the story of **Rama and Sita** and participated in a Diwali dance in PE. We enjoyed making our own **Rangoli patterns** and salt dough **Diva lamps** too.

### Watch the story of the week here



### Rama & Sita story



### Welly Wednesday

This week the children learnt the difference between **deciduous and evergreen trees**. They found out why some trees lose their leaves and others keep them all year round. We explored **pine, yew, holly and laurel** leaves using our senses. We described what they looked like, how they felt and what they smelled like. The children used some great vocabulary such as spikey, bumpy, smooth, tickly, waxy and shiny.



### RE

This week we recapped the key features of a **church** and a **mosque** and discussed why they are special. We then looked at our special **reflection areas** in school.



### Continue your learning at home

Look back at photos and talk about the **festivals and special times** you celebrate with your family. Which special day/event are you going to celebrate next with your family and friends?