

## Reception Home Learning – Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### This week:

We have introduced our new core text – ‘Astro Girl’ by Ken Wilson Max. We looked at an illustration from the ‘end papers’ and discussed it as a whole class before reading the story. This prompted lots of speaking and listening opportunities and the children used vocabulary linked to space and the night sky.

In maths, we have looked at repeating patterns – recognising the repeating pattern, continuing it and creating our own. We followed ABAB patterns and added additional challenge for those children who needed it with ABBABB patterns as well.

Our number of the week is number 7.

This week we have learnt about Diwali, The Festival of Light. We celebrated by reading the story of Rama and Sita, creating diva lamps and rangoli patterns, and learning how Hindu’s acknowledge this festival as celebrating good over evil and light over darkness. Thanks to the parents who helped contribute to the children’s learning experience about Diwali.

We also learnt about Remembrance Day, to remember the armed forces who have fought to help us. The children created poppies to mark the occasion.

Our key word this week is **no**.

### Parents’ Information:

Happy Diwali to all those celebrating over the weekend!

### Gentle reminder

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November is an INSET day (staff training day) so school will be closed for children. See you on Tuesday!

### Children in Need Day

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November (sorry for the inaccurate date on last week’s letter), we will acknowledge Children in Need Day. The theme for this year’s fundraiser is ‘Be Spotacular’, so the children can wear something with polka dots, or yellow items of clothing, or something Pudsey themed, if they would like to. We would also appreciate a small donation of £2 to help raise money for this charity. We will talk about why we are collecting donations and doing lots of fun Pudsey related activities throughout the day. There will be a cake sale at the end of the day, led by Nursery parents.

### Dates for the diary:

**Individual photos for the children:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

**Reception Coffee Morning** – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 9:05 – 10:00am

**Christmas performance** – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am

### Sharing a story

Continue to share stories daily with your children and focus on their phonics learning throughout the week too.

### Something to do

#### **Repeating patterns:**

Start a repeating pattern for your child (you could use food items or toys, e.g. grape, blueberry, grape, blueberry) and ask them to tell you what your repeating pattern is. Let them have a go at continuing your repeating pattern and then encourage them to try to create their own.

If they find it challenging to create an ABAB pattern independently, try lots of examples together instead, talking all the time about what you have created and how it repeats.