

This week Reception have been learning about the Hindu and Sikh festival of Diwali—the festival of lights. We read “Binny’s Diwali” by Thrity Umrigar & Nidhi Chanan as part of our learning and found out about some of the special ways people celebrate this festival. As part of this learning we made our own

diva lamp out of clay, Rangoli patterns out of shapes, decorated hand templates with Henna patterns and decorated our home corner with paper chains and used the building blocks to build their own palaces for Rama and Sita to live in. The children also enjoyed learning a special Diwali song



Home challenge: Can you tell a grown up about a celebration you like to celebrate and how?



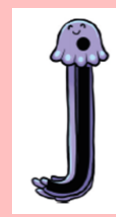
Reception weekly newsletter

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Phonics

We continued our Phase 2 phonics learning this week. We introduced the following graphemes:

Digraphs (two letters that make one sound) ff, ll, ss and j.



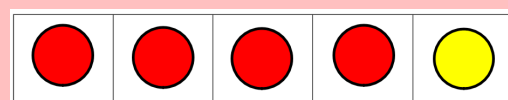
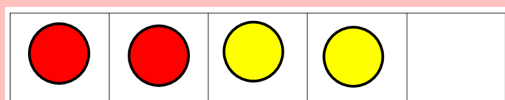
For each grapheme we learnt its corresponding phoneme (sound); ‘ff’ as in huff, ‘ll’ as in hill, ‘ss’ as in hiss and ‘j’ as in jellyfish. This week we have had a go at writing CVC words as well as reading some short captions.

Home challenge: Use the sheet to practise letter formation. When practising writing at home, please use the graphemes we have covered in school so far. This will support the development of your child’s confidence to write and make it a successful experience for them.

Maths

We have recapped some positional language as our starters this week— under, between, behind, in front of, in and on. We then moved onto some subitising using the quantities of 4 and 5, seeing if we could spots patterns in dot arrangements to help us see how many quickly. For example 2 and 2, therefore there are 4.

After this, we used our fives frames and double-sided counters to record the many different ways to compose 4 and 5.



Home challenge: Use your fingers to help you recall the different ways of making 5. How many are ‘up’ and how many are ‘down’?

Home challenges are helpful ideas for you in supporting your child to consolidate their learning at home. Please feel free to choose those you feel are achievable for you and share on Tapestry