

# Foundation

This week we have been learning about the Hindu Festival of Diwali. The children have listened to the story of Rama and Sita, acted the story out and made a Diva lamp from clay.

The children have also been introduced to 'tricky words' as part of our phonics lessons. 'Tricky words' are words which cannot be sounded out easily because they are phonically irregular. We will start to send home 'Word Walls' from Monday to help the children practise this skill. The Word Wall will help your child recognise these words quickly and by sight, without the need for sounding out. To use the wall, first start by you reading the words on it to your child. After you have done this for several sessions, ask your child to read the words to you.

In Maths, the children have been thinking about what whole and part means. In order to support this learning at home we have sent home some pieces of paper. Please help your child cut up the paper provided into 4 parts so that one part is bigger than the other three. Can you find other ways to do this? You might also like to investigate if you can cut:

- Two large parts and two small parts
- All the parts are the same size but look different
- The parts all look the same.

Please share your findings via Tapestry.

Next week, the children will be thinking about healthy eating, as well as our favourite foods.

Best Wishes

The Foundation Team