Early Years Weekly Overview

Week beginning 15th November

English Topic	This week, the children will continue learning about the topic of Diwali. They will have opportunities to role-play the story of Rama and Sita by using puppets. The children will use masks to retell the story. The children will think carefully about what sound each character's name starts with they will then use initial sounds to label their pictures. They will continue to develop their fine motor control by creating firework pictures and drawing Rangoli patterns. They will copy and write high frequency words onto a rocket. The children will continue their phonics lessons and learn the new sounds 'y', 'z', 'zz' and 'qu'. So, the children will have opportunities to recognise and write these sounds. As part of this learning, they will learn the corresponding letter rhymes and listen to the Jolly Phonics songs. They will listen for initial sounds 'y', 'z' and 'qu' in different words. In addition to this, the children will recap the high frequency words 'the', 'to', 'go', 'no', 'and', 'to and 'I' .
Mathematics Topic	This week we will be focusing on the numbers 1-5. We will be learning to recognise, count and form the numbers correctly. The children will use their previously learnt skills to subitise bigger amounts and practise quick recall of amounts to 5, without counting them. They will take part in a range of activities linked to our topic of Diwali to practise their skills of recognising numbers, subitising and finding 1 more and 1 less than numbers to 5. They will also look at different ways of representing the numbers 4 and 5 and begin to look at the composition of these numbers. The children will continue to practise counting beyond 10 and will enjoy a range of songs to practise counting to and backwards from 20.
English Homework **Set:** 20th November **Due:** 24th November	Can you practise writing our sounds of the week 'y', 'z', 'zz' and 'qu'? Can you think of objects that begin or have those sounds in them? Can you draw a picture of Rama or Sita from the Diwali story? Can you think of a 'wow word' to describe what they look/act like? E.g. Sita is **pretty**. Rama is **brave**. If Mummy/Daddy write the wow word down for you, can you copy it? **Remember to use the letter formation rhymes in your book bag to help you.**
Mathematics Homework **Set:** 20th November **Due:** 24th November	Can you practise writing out your number bonds to 5? **Remember to use the number formation sheet given out at the start of the year to help with formation.**
Extra Activities	We have added the song lyrics and links to the music for the songs we are practising for our Christmas Singalong. Please visit the EYFS class page and practise these at home.