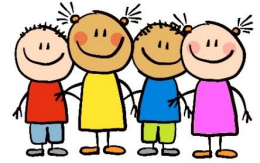


# Peek at the Week



## Diwali and Nursery Rhyme Week

This week that children have been learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali. They have used a wide range of materials to make our own rangoli patterns - chalk on the floor outside, coloured rice and stencils. We learnt about how a family prepares for Diwali and who celebrates it. We watched the traditional story of Rama and Sita and learned how they needed light from special lamps - Diva lamps - to light their way home. We made our own diva lamps with clay which we will decorate next week.

This week was World Nursery Rhyme Week. The children have been learning rhymes, and some of them have been a bit different to the normal versions, so there has been a lot of laughter as we joined in together to sing them.

In maths we have learnt about how many are left when we have 1 less of something. We sang the rhyme Five Little Speckled Frogs and calculated how many were left as each frog jumped into the pool.



### Early Birds - Fine Motor Skills

On Wednesday 22nd November please come and join your child in their class at 8:30 - 9:00am. We will have lots of fun activities out in the classroom, designed to help children with fine motor skills. These skills are vital pre-writing skills which help children learn to hold a pencil and apply the pressure needed to write effectively.

## Micro Duke Award

A few weeks ago, all the children brought home a booklet called 'Micro Duke Award'. We are very lucky that the school has funded all the children in Reception to take part in this award which is aimed at building Resilience and Independence. To introduce it properly, Mr Dennis will be doing a launch assembly on **Monday 20th November at 2:50pm in the School Hall**. Please do come and find out how taking part in this award programme can help your child with their confidence and some basic skills. As the children complete the tasks, they bring the booklet into School and their class teacher will sign them off. In July, all the children who complete the award, will receive a certificate and a badge. We hope that they really enjoy participating and that it will enthuse the children to take part in the higher level awards as they go through Dorchester Primary.



## **Please Read Every Night**

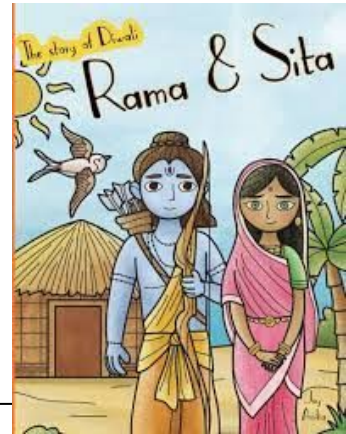
Please remember to read every night to receive **2 stickers** a week. One sticker is for reading every day and the second sticker is for bringing their book and Reading Record into school. Children who read a little bit every day make the most progress.



## Dip and Do

Can you retell the story of Rama and Sita?

Can you draw your favourite character from the story?



## Important Dates

**Early Birds (Fine Motor Focus):** Wednesday 22nd  
November 8:30am - 9:15am

**Nursery and Reception Nativity:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
at 9.30am and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

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**Please share these photographs with your children and encourage them to tell you what they have learnt this week.**

