**Willow Tree Primary School 13.11.20**

**Nursery Weekly Newsletter Newsletter**

**This week**

Happy Diwali!

We have been celebrating Diwali, the

Indian festival of light. We read the

factual book ‘Diwali’ and found out lots of

information about the celebration.

The children started the week by moulding clay into a ball, sculpting and decorating it to form their own Diya lamps. They watched a short video about Diwali and created their own Rangoli patterns using coloured sand before placing their Diya in the centre (as shown in the film). In PE, we dressed up with a silk sari and bindi on our foreheads and practiced our Indian dance moves to the Diwali song. We even performed it to the Reception class! Strictly Come Dancing had nothing on us! To finish the week, we heard the story of Rama and Sita (the story of Diwali) and acted it our with face masks for the characters. We even drew around our hands and created our own Mehndi patterns to add to our display in class.

**NEXT WEEK**

**Our learning challenge will be:**

**What shapes and patterns can you see?**

 We will be looking at shapes and patterns and describing them using mathematical language. We will be reciting numbers in order to 10 and finding 1 less each time an alien steals a pair of underpants! We will be matching and sorting patterns and even creating our own designs. In PE we will be having a go at yoga with a ‘space’ theme…should be such good fun!

The story of the week will be:

 Aliens Love Underpants

**READING**

Library books will be sent home on Friday and collected on the following Tuesday. Please also try to take a look at the online Bug Club using your child’s personal login (sent out previously) Please look at the same story for several visits, as this gives children the chance for repetition and build confidence in story prediction and become familiar with the story language! Any problems with logins please let us know.

**PIGGY MONEY**

Piggy money is not being collected at the moment. We will let you know when this changes.

Thank you ☺

HOME TASK – Try to help your child to notice patterns around them eg wall paper, underwear, socks, wrapping paper, carpets, bedding, clothing, curtains….. What colours are used? What shape is repeated? What patterns do they like? Why?

Key language: pattern, repeated, shape, stripy, spotty, squares, triangles, circles, oblong/rectangle, hearts…

**MESSAGES-**

\*Please check in regularly to your child’s Bug Club online reading books.

\*Don’t forget you use tapestry to share with us the wonderful achievements and experiences you enjoy with your child at home. We love to see them and celebrate with you! If you need any help with this please ask, it’s really easy I promise!

**SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK**

**Billie-May – for being brave and showing resilience when things are tricky!**

