

Week 8 20 - 24th October

Welcome to our home school communication! Each week you will get an overview of the class learning and will be set some home tasks too. Home school communication books should be returned to school on a **Wednesday**.

Please remember you have access to reading books on the Oxford Owl website. These are books that we have shared during our guided reading sessions. We have added the new terms books on, we haven't learnt the sounds yet but will be learning them next term.

Please find below the summary of our week in school.	
In the Classroom...	This week the children have enjoyed learning about and celebrating Diwali. They have learnt and acted out the story of Rama and Sita, made beautiful diyas out of clay, created patterns using colourful rice, dressed up in beautiful outfits and jewellery, and made colourful potions in the water using glitter and sequins. We sequenced the story as well as trying lots of food eaten as part of Diwali celebrations. As part of Black History month, we have been celebrating Lorraine Pascale and looking at her wonderful culinary achievements. The children have been creating recipes and using shopping lists to source the ingredients.
Outside the classroom...	During forest school, the children loved playing outdoors and were lucky enough to enjoy a hot chocolate and biscuit! Again, as part of Black History month, the children have celebrated Garrett Morgan who designed the traffic light signals in 1923. They enjoyed playing the traffic light game in our outdoor area and in our PE sessions.
Phonics	This week we have recapped all our previous sounds so far. Additionally, we learn the new sound SS. The children were able to recognise that this is a digraph whereby two letters make one sound. Our harder to read and spell (HRS) word for this week is 'pull'. We have sent home a collection of sounds and HRS words this week. We would be extremely grateful if you could practise these together as it really helps to embed their new learning. We have been reading "Peg it up."
Maths	This week we have been recapping 1 more, 1 less and composition of 1,2 and 3. Pat the Cat was extremely hungry, so the children kindly shared their sweets (plastic cubes!) with him! This practical approach allowed the children to really understand the concept of 1 more and 1 less. They have also continued counting to 10 using our number line.
Home learning	We are very proud of all the children, they have settled into Reception and school life brilliantly, made new friends and learnt so much! Well done. Please have lots of fun over the half term holiday. Please practise the sounds and harder to read and spell sounds in their packs. Thank you.

Please remember to visit the school website for the photos. [Reception class page](#)

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