

# Weekly Learning Letter

Early Years –13.11.23

<b>This week in Early Years...</b>	<p>This week in Early Years we have been learning about Diwali, the children have enjoyed finding out how Diwali is prepared for and celebrated. The children have enjoyed making a clay Diya. The children have also been using different materials to make rangoli patterns such as coloured rice, shapes and crayons.</p> <p>The children have also been busy learning the songs and actions for our Christmas play ... not long to go now! Exciting!!</p>
<b>Reminder</b>	<p>Thank you to those parents hearing their children read daily. Children reading daily at home are reading with greater confidence and fluency...practise is the key.</p> <p>Please read with your child every day.</p> <p>Please remember it is our Christmas Fayre on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November– this is always a fun event which the children really enjoy.</p> <p><b>Please note, it is Non-Pupil Day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November.</b></p>
<b>Maths</b>	<p>In maths this week we have introduced number block 5. We have been singing the 5 little peas song to help us put up five on our hands. We found objects and placed them on hand templates to check we had 5 one for each finger/thumb. We then looked at 5 represented by dots on a dice pattern and looked at the different ways dots of 5 can be arranged.</p>
<b>English</b>	<p>In English this week we have introduced our new oral text 'Owl Babies'. The children have enjoyed learning and acting out new vocabulary (<b>vanished, eventually, perched, delighted</b>). We have also created actions and a text map to help us learn the story.</p>
<b>Phonics</b>	<p>This week in phonics we have learnt phonemes: <b>j, v, w, x</b>.</p> <p>This week in phonics we have learnt to read the tricky words: <b>her, me, be</b></p> <p>Here are a few examples of the words we have been reading and spelling: <b>jam, vet, van, velvet, cobweb, win, wig, vixen, box, wicked</b>.</p> <p>Also, this week the children have been focusing on 'holding a sentence'. Before we write the sentence e.g., 'Jack is in the jam pot', we say it in lots of different voices.</p>
<b>This week's sounds:</b>	<b>j v w x</b>

To support your child's learning at home this week you could...

- Can you find 5 objects around your house to count out 5.
- Can you draw a picture to show the meaning of some of our new vocabulary: **eventually, delighted, vanished and perched**.
- Practice orally segmenting the words: box, win, web, van, vet (ask your child to show you their 3 phonics fingers and their stamper to orally segment the word). You may wish to write the word and check it by blending it to read it.
- **See Saw activity:** Can you perform the oral version of Owl Babies to your family and record it so we can share it in class with your friends.