



The News at Derwentwater

Headteacher: Venessa Nicholas



Friday 1st November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our theme for this term, Celebrations, this week the children have been learning about Diwali. We have looked at the story of Rama and Sita and have discussed how some of our families celebrate Diwali.

- We have been making and decorating our own Diva Lamps out of salt dough.
- We have been creating Rangoli Patterns.



This week our stars of the week are:

- Turtles – Malachi
- Dolphins - Tasneem

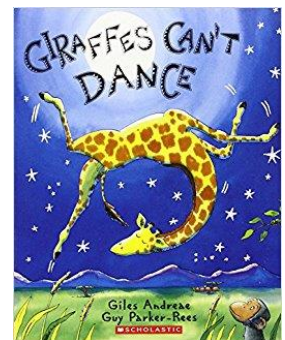
Important Information

- Please see the whole school newsletter for important dates.
- **Stay and Play** – Stay and Play will be continuing every Friday for both Turtles and Dolphins. It will run from 9:00 am – 9:30 am.
- **Parents' Evening** – Parents' evening is coming up! It will be on Wednesday the 27th and Thursday the 28th November. Please ensure that you have signed up on the sign-up sheets at pick up areas.

Week Beginning 11th November

Focus – Celebrating Achievements

Next week, the children are focusing on celebrating their own achievements. We will also be celebrating our friendships and the achievements that our friends make. We will be reading the book 'Giraffes Can't Dance' to see what Gerald can teach us about this!



In Maths, the children will be practising their counting skills, number recognition to 10 and doing a shape hunt to consolidate what we have learnt about shapes.

You can support your child by:

- Counting activities – practise counting with your child to 10 and backwards from 10.
- Number recognition – numbers to 10
- Shape recognition – knowing the names of all the 2D shapes
- Board games – playing any board games helps to support turn-taking, counting and cooperation

Keywords for the week:

- Dancing
- Achievement
- Celebrate
- Giraffe
- Lion
- Chimps

Many thanks for your support,

The Reception Team

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