



# St Minver School

Head of School: Mrs J Rodwell

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**As part of** our topic on celebrations and 'Do you remember when...?' we are going to think about a celebration from a different culture this week. We will start with the children's own experiences; what have they celebrated in the past? How have you celebrated events with your family? We will then learn a little about Diwali and compare this to celebrations we have been to.

**We will also** be drawing the children's attention to kind behaviour (I'm looking forward to seeing some colourful socks on Monday). 'Be Kind' is part of our school motto and incredibly important in our everyday life. As part of 'Anti-bullying Week' Class R will continue to talk about how we are all different, how we can celebrate each other's differences and how precious we all are.

**Our maths learning** is focusing on numbers 4 and 5. We will practise our subitising (saying how many objects there are in a group without having to count them) and we will investigate the composition of 4 and 5. This means that we will explore the different ways that we can create 4 and 5 (e.g., 3 and 1, 2 and 2, 5 and 0).

**In phonics** we will learn to use the phonemes and read the graphemes: z, zz, qu and ch. We will also learn to read words that have an 's' on the end. The tricky words we have learnt so far are; I, is, the, and, put, pull, full, has, his, as. This week we will add to this list with: no, go, to, into. We have written these words on flashcards and put them on our 'tricky word door' and I wonder whether the children can talk to you about this. It would be great if you could make something similar at home so that the children are exposed to seeing the words and are encouraged to read the words regularly at home and at school.

**Tricky Words** We learn to read tricky words by sight (not sounding out and blending). These are the tricky words that we have learnt so far: is, I, the, put, pull, full, as, and, has, his, her. These are the tricky words we will learning to read this week: go, no, to, into. Please work on these words with your child at home by making flashcards and pinning them up around the house. Encourage your child to read and recognise these words as much as possible. Thank you.

**Children in Need** is on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Please see the school newsletter for further information regarding this.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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