

# Hamstel Nursery Newsletter

## Week Beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Last week the children were learning about Diwali. We watched some film clips from 'You Tube' of Diwali firework displays and the children talked about the fireworks some of them had seen during the school display. They have had the opportunity to make their own version of Rangoli patterns with chalk and powder paint in the garden; they have also been able to decorate their own Diwali candle. This was very 'fiddly' and tested the children's (and the adults) hand/eye co-ordination and fine motor control. They were extremely colourful and made a beautiful representation of a traditional Diwali candle.

In the Nursery corridor you will see the wonderful creative work the children have been busy making to honour of Remembrance Day. They have made their own salt dough poppies which they have painted. You should have been given this by your child's keyworker. Both keyworker groups worked as part of a large group to make their own field of poppies and these are on display. Some of the children also made a paper plate poppy. Both keyworkers spoke to their groups about importance of Remembrance Day and the reason we honour it. I was very proud of the children's hard work this week, as they have made some wonderful pieces of artwork and asked relevant questions after showing a real interest in the week's themes.

This week, the Nursery children will be focussing on working together as team, sharing resources and understanding the need to wait their turn. The staff will be providing a variety of team games and activities in the garden and lots of board games inside Nursery. The staff will be building the games around all the 7 areas of curriculum, focusing heavily on the social skills element.

### Parents/Carers

**This week the children will be having their individual photographs taken. Your child will see the photographer with the Nursery staff during the course of their Nursery session.**

**Many thanks, Miss Robinson**

### What you can do at home with your child:

- Help your child to name some basic 2D shapes, such as, circle, square, triangle and rectangle. Can they sort them by shape name ie: all the circles together, all the triangles together.
- Help your child to develop independence when putting on their coat. Can they put their arms in their coats by themselves, without any help? If you help them to insert their zip, can they then pull the zip up by themselves?



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BIRTHDAYS



Congratulations to **Mia Maynard** who celebrated her 4<sup>th</sup> birthday last week.