



## CHESTNUT CLASS HOME LEARNING

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020



This week we have thought about what friendship looks like and how we can be good friends to each other. We read 'Have you filled a bucket today?' by Carol McCloud and thought about how we can help others and ourselves to feel good by being a 'bucket filler'. You can watch this story being read on YouTube or ask your child to explain what a bucket filler is.

We have also:

- Worked in pairs to create a picture and model of what friendship looks like and written about it
- Investigated Diwali as a class, discovering that it is a Hindu festival celebrated at this time of year. We heard the story of Rama and Sita as part of this
- Created diva lamps using salt dough, decorated Rangoli patterns and drawn Mehndi hands while finding out how Hindu's celebrate Diwali
- Watched 'Numberblocks' that focused on number bonds to 5 and using the part part whole model
- Practised letters and sounds through reading and writing and activities to build on our phonic skills and develop new ones
- Had dance and music with Miss Freeman
- Had PE with Mrs Wells, focused on balancing

Please spend time this half term practising reading as well as phonics (Reception) and spellings (Year 1). It makes a huge difference to your child's learning and really helps them to develop confidence so that they can apply these skills in a range of contexts. We will continue trying to get reading books changed and sent home on a Monday/Thursday after half term, but due to quarantining time with returned books, we sometimes have to wait an extra day or so to be able to access books so please bear with us. Please continue sharing your child's own books with them at bedtime and online sites such as Oxford Owl or Teach my monster to read can be useful online resources to support home reading further.

Thank you for returning your Flying Starts information sheets. If you haven't returned yours yet please do so as soon as possible. If you have not yet had your Flying Start meeting we will be in touch when we return from half term to book those with you.

Thank you for your support and we hope you have a fabulous half term. Well done everyone!

Mrs Cullingworth, Mrs Wells, Mrs Smith, Mrs Pain and Miss Freeman