

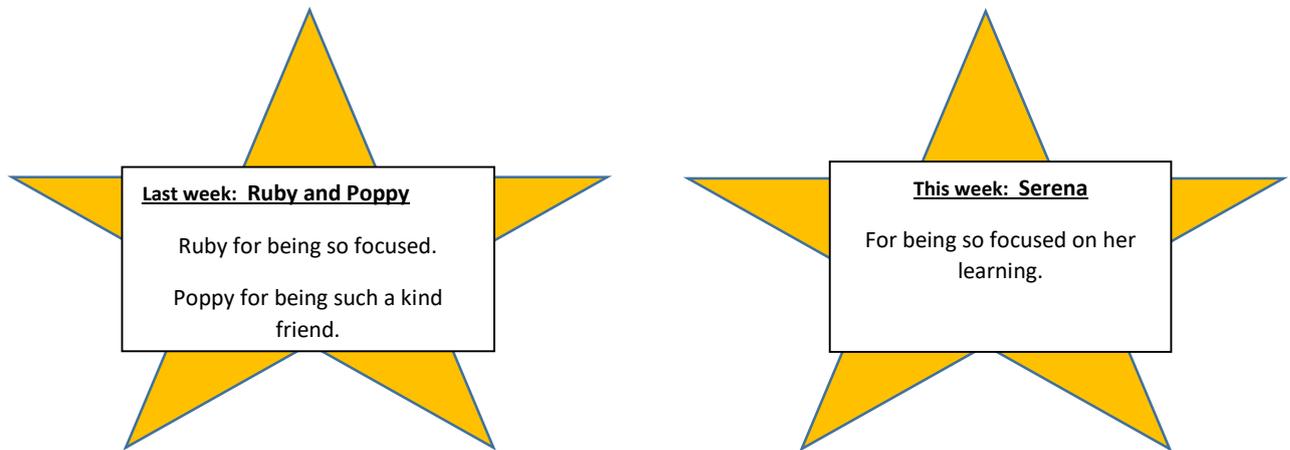
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Newsletter 4**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable half term although I am sure that the week off feels like a distant memory now as we embark on the next phase of our journey towards Christmas!

**Star of the week!**



**Diwali**

This week we have been learning about Diwali and as you know from Tapestry, I am very proud of the diva/diya lamps that the children made. The children learnt about this Hindu celebration and the link to New Beginnings – just like the children have had at Two Rivers.



**Vision and Values**

I hope that you have seen the short video that I have put on Tapestry regarding the development of Two Rivers Vision and Values – we are hoping to collect the views of the school community to support the development of this and look forward to hearing your thoughts and seeing your wonderful collaborations from home.

### Teaching and Learning

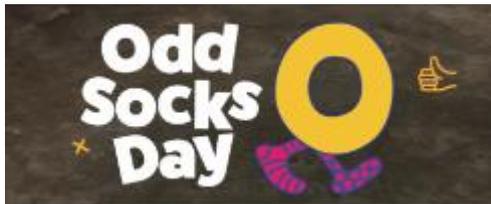
You may have noticed that Mrs Trembeth is welcoming the children into school on Thursday morning. Mrs Trembeth will now be teaching all day on a Thursday and a Friday each week for the remainder of the year.

In addition to this, we have a very exciting opportunity for the children to do Forest School sessions every Wednesday afternoon with an experienced Forest School leader. She is called Debbie and already works for other schools in the Academy Trust. She will be starting Forest School sessions from **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November** come rain or shine. This will take place at Chandag Junior School's Forest School area which will only be used by Two Rivers children on that day, for the two-hour session. We know that the children will absolutely love this! Please could you ensure that your child has a set of waterproofs, warm clothing and wellies for their Forest School sessions. We plan for children to change out of their uniform into their Forest school clothes before the session and then come home in these clothes with their uniform in their bag. Forest school clothes will then need to be returned to school by the following week. This is so that any wet or muddy clothing is not left in school.

### Reading Books

The children are loving reading and we have had so many comments from home about how proud children were to be able to be reading their books to you. We are seeing that lots of children are using Fred talk, pointing to the words and handling the books appropriately. Reading the book a few times helps to develop confidence so although the books are short, reading more than twice is beneficial. Please can we ask that children keep reading books in wallets so that we can read with them during the week.

### Anti-bullying week



Anti-Bullying Week 2020 will take place from Monday 16th November - Friday 20th November 2020. The theme is United Against Bullying. We will be learning about what bullying is and what we can do about it. Here is a [link](#) to a website containing some of the resources we will be looking at during the week. To launch the week on Monday 16<sup>th</sup>, children can wear odd socks. Odd Socks Day is designed to

be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique

Finally, a date change...

The children will be having their school Christmas lunch on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December, not the 10<sup>th</sup> December as originally communicated. Unfortunately, it looks like we will not be able to invite parents in for Christmas crafts on the morning of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December due to the restrictions. Thank you for your understanding.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and see you on Monday!

Mrs Carver