

## Lets Celebrate



Welcome back to a new half term, we trust that you have had a relaxing break.

This half term we will be exploring some common celebrations such as Diwali, Remembrance, Bonfire night and of course the big one ..... Christmas.

We will investigate how these celebrations differ and discuss how our families and other communities are all unique.

### Communication and Literacy

It is vital that we all communicate well. These



skills have to be taught and modelled. We will use the Role play area to help with this. This term we will set up a Christmas grotto. If you can donate any gift wrap to this we would be very grateful.



We read stories regularly and this term we will continue to share stories and non fiction books.

### Our Nativity



performance will develop our singing skills and our spoken word.

This performance is the 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.

We shall start rehearsing this show straight away and lines and songs will be sent home for you to rehearse.



### Physical development

This term our PE sessions will focus mainly on dance as we rehearse our Nativity.

We shall add some time on the Trim Trail as often as we can. We shall also add some sessions of bike and scooter use on the playground to develop gross motor skills.

Healthy Eating and good lifestyle choices are also something we discuss

during snack time and these PE Sessions.

### Personal and Social and Emotional Development

We have introduced the What went Well session



into our week and we will continue to use this. We will also have a Cool To be



Kind week in school .

It is a massive skill to be able

to recognize the needs of others. It is also very difficult for the children to understand and recognize their emotions, we will be focus on this during this term

We will use our school value of Friendship to assist us and will introduce the Learning hero.' Collaboration'

### Reading Books



In Reception we will continue to take books home. We should share these stories with our families every day. The books will be changed weekly and adults will read with the children. Books **MUST** be in school every day.

Nursery will continue have the opportunity to choose a library book each Friday

### Phonics

In Reception we will continue our daily phonics session.

# Phonics

Children are taught the pure sounds and adults should try to not put an extra 'uh' on sounds or say the capital sounds. Please let me know if you would like any extra information on this.

In Nursery we will play regular phonic games involving listening to and identifying a variety of everyday sounds

### Numeracy

We shall continue to sing Number songs and play games as these are the best way to help your children become familiar with number recognition.



This term we shall be focussing on one more and one less. Please continue this at home with real life situations such as the food on your plate disappearing.

Shape and measure will continue with wrapping presents in the grotto.



### Understanding of the World



The seasonal change could bring us many exciting opportunities to explore the world around

us. We will also visit our Forest school weekly. Children MUST have wellies and a coat in school at all times as we go out whatever the weather.



ICT is also covered in this heading and we will have time with Laptops, IPADS, Interactive Whiteboards, Beebots



and CD players.

### Religious Education



We use prayer every day to reflect upon our day and to be thankful. Reception will also attend an assembly once a week

with the rest of the school. Reception will be exploring Diwali and Christmas and how they differ for the different communities involved..

Nursery will have regular story sessions with the Rector.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

Tis the season for Christmas cards! We will show the children how to join using glue and



and Sellotape. We shall also teach them how to use powder paint independently.

We always have access to paints, play dough, junk modelling and also collage material.

With the Nativity and Diwali we shall

have a great deal of music available



this term. Please discuss at home different styles of music and enjoy the variations if you find the opportunity.

### **Tapestry**

We are very fortunate to have access to the Tapestry online journal system. This enables us to observe your children and assess how they are developing with the Early Years Profile. This information is shared with you and you can share



observations from home with us so that we can build on your child's interests. Please talk to us if you require further information regarding Tapestry.

### Finally

Can we remind you that we are a Voluntary Aided school and really appreciate your donations. These donations help us to enhance the activities for your child at school such as cooking.



We are also desperate for parent helpers especially for Forest

School . Please talk to your parent rep if you can help.

It will be a fabulous term with many exciting activities such as the Christmas party and the Nativity. Don't forget Christmas jumper day on 23<sup>rd</sup> November and the Christmas lunch on 19<sup>th</sup> December. I know I am really looking forward to



seeing the children shine and dazzle. Soooo excited.....!

**Mrs Bates and the Foundation stage Team.**