

Reception Newsletter

November 2024 - December 2025

Theme -Let's Celebrate!



It is the start of our second half term, and we are super excited to be back! This half term, we are focusing our learning on different celebrations. We will begin our adventure by learning about Bonfire Night, followed by Diwali and eventually Christmas! We will also be learning about autumn and observing all the changes that happen during the season. The children showed a keen interest in our Halloween before the holidays, so we will also be weaving the theme of 'magic' into our learning!

This half term we are learning:

- That Diwali is the festival of light
- How Hindus celebrate Diwali
- About Bonfire Night and why it is celebrated
- The changes that occur during autumn
- How to be safe around a fire
- Who the fire service are and how they help us
- How to create digital art using the interactive whiteboard
- Facts and information about numbers 4, 5 and 6
- How to act out in Helicopter Stories
- How Christians celebrate Christmas and about the things that they believe
- About the story of 'The Nativity'
- How to read and write special friends-sh ch th ng nk qu

How to help your child at home:

- Encourage your child to practise writing their name with correct letter formation
- Practise reading set 1 letter sounds and using the letter rhyme to help your child to write their letters correctly
- Look at photographs of celebrations you have celebrated as a family and talk about them
- Encourage your child to zip their coat up independently
- Encourage your child to count objects, saying a number as they touch each object in order
- Encourage your child to practise ordering and recognising numbers to 10
- Read lots of books with your child
- Talk about school by looking at photos on Tapestry together
- Read your school reading book at least 3 times across the week

The children will:

- Explore Diwali traditions with fun activities such as making Diya lamps and painting henna patterns on hands
- Take part in discussions about fire safety with the fire service
- Explore the theme of magic through exciting stories such as 'Room on the Broom'
- Continue with weekly music lessons
- Make smores and drink hot chocolate around the campfire
- Learn Christmas songs and lines in preparation for our Christmas concert
- Continue with weekly outdoor learning
- Make magic wands and potions
- Take part in Helicopter Stories

Things to remember:

Reception children will have a weekly outdoor learning session on Thursdays. They will need a pair of wellies with their name in them for this. We are always grateful for any recycled materials for our children to create with in the workshop (e.g. plastic bottles, cardboard boxes, kitchen and toilet roll inner tubes, bottle lids).

- Monday 16th December- RPC Christmas Concert 9.30am
- Thursday 19th December-RAH Christmas Concert 9.30am
- Wednesday 11th December- Christmas Disco 3.30-4.30pm
- Thursday 12th December- Christmas Panto (in school)

Thank you for all your support!

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