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Dear Parents/ Carers

As the first half term has passed, the Reception children have begun to form positive relationships with peers and familiar adults. We have also begun to talk about behaviour expectations and have gradually introduced the structure of the day. We feel the children have settled in well and are ready for the new half term.

With the new half term, lessons become more structured and we move on to our new topic; **'Celebrations/ What is special to us'**.

Enclosed in this pack are a number of helpful resources and ideas to support your child over the half term and the academic year.

This pack includes;

- **Your child has been provided with their Topic Homework. Which must be sent in with your child on Friday 1st November.**
- Additional topic ideas and activities
- celebration word mat
- Math worksheets
- Initial sound worksheets
- Phase 2 sound mat (sounds we will be learning)
- 100 frequency words (words we will be learning)
- Number line and 100 square

These sheets are provided to simply support your child, these worksheets are not compulsory and do not have to be handed in. However it would be lovely to see your child's work and your comments via EEXAT. All work can be uploaded onto EEXAT and we will also make additional comments. The only work we need handed into school will be the main Celebration project.

**Have a lovely and restful holiday**

**Early Years Team**



## FURTHER IDEAS AND ACTIVITIES THAT YOU COULD DO IN THE HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

### Literacy:

- Draw a picture of something you remember/ celebration/ event.
  - Talk about your picture with an adult
  - Try to label your picture using phonic sounds
- Write Christmas cards/ Diwali cards/ Birthday invitations/ Birthday cards

### Maths:

- Use rangoli patterns to create patterns/ shapes
- Use shapes to design a Diva Lamp/ Christmas tree/ birthday decoration
  - Design a tree and count how many baubles you have on your tree.
- Maybe you can put up your tree and count the decorations. What happens if we add one more or have one less
  - Put objects in size order
- Bake some yummy goodies, measure and weigh the ingredients with an adult.

### Physical Development:

- Practise changing own clothes/ practise changing the clothes on a doll
  - Adjusting own speed and negotiating space

### Understanding the World:

- Go and visit a place of worship, what did you see? How do they pray? What is the same or different between how you pray or celebrate at home?
  - Make an observational drawing of a place of worship
  - Research different cultures and beliefs.

### Expressive Arts and Design:

- Design your own puppet show and act out different religious stories (Nativity/ Diwali Story)
  - Design your own Diva lamp/ Christmas Tree/ Hanukkah candles.
    - Create your own dance/ or copy a dance
    - Rangoli patterns
- Please remember the above are just ideas of activities to do over the holidays. These activities do not have to be submitted on the due date, these can be on going activities. Please upload videos and activities via EEXAT. **The homework/project is the only part that must be submitted by Friday 1st November.**