



October 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

Throughout their first half term of school, 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 new challenges after the October break.

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

Included in the 'half term homework' uploads are a number of helpful resources and ideas to support your child during the break and continuing into the academic year.

You will find:

- **your child's half term topic homework project. This must be sent into school and uploaded on Tapestry by Monday 2nd 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 support your child; they 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 Tapestry. All work can be uploaded onto Tapestry and we will also make additional comments.

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 special that you remember / a 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 and describe patterns/ shapes
- Use shapes to design a Diva Lamp/ Christmas tree/ birthday decoration
- Design a Christmas tree and count how many baubles you have on your tree.
- Maybe you can put up your Christmas 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 (zip up own coat)/ practise changing the clothes on a doll
 - Adjusting own speed and negotiating space during various games/activities

Understanding the World:

- Visit a place of worship (or watch a video); 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 ongoing activities. Please upload photos/videos of activities via Tapestry to add to your child's learning journey.*
- *The topic homework project is the only part that must be submitted by 2nd November.*