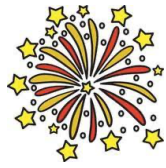


Murphy
Class
Term 2

Celebrations



Literacy/Topic This term our topic is 'Celebrations'. We will be finding out about lots of the different festivals that happen at this time of year. We will learn about Halloween, Bonfire Night, Diwali, birthdays, Hanukkah and Christmas. We will be finding out about the stories behind these festivals and how people celebrate them. We will be acting out the stories and finding lots of opportunities to practise our writing skills.

Maths This term we will be learning about numbers up to 5. We will be looking in detail at how these numbers are made up from smaller parts and using these to help us add and subtract. We will be learning to order numbers and how to recognise small amounts quickly. We will also be learning about length and height and how we can compare and measure.

PSED We will be talking about how to be kind and a good friend. We will be taking part in lots of activities during anti-bullying week and focus on celebrating everyone's differences.

Children will bring home a picture book to share with you at home. Please read it to your child and record in their reading diary. Please make sure these are in school on Tuesdays to be changed. Children will also bring home Sound Blending books and Ditty sheets to read themselves.
PE will be on Mondays – please come to school in your PE kit. Forest school will be on Fridays – children can wear old trousers to school, please ensure your child has wellies and waterproof clothing.

Weekly Home Learning

Here is an outline of the home learning activities for the Reception children for this half term. Your child can choose to complete one of these activities each week. Please sign the grid to show that your child has done an activity and send in their home learning book every **Monday** with any form of recording your child has done (e.g. photo, videos, pictures, writing, children's quotes, or creations). These will then be sent back home on Wednesdays. New sound sheets will come home as we learn them – this will be less frequent as our focus shifts from learning the sounds to using them to read and write. When you see a sound that is made of more than one letter we call it a 'special friend'.

Look at a calendar and mark when your birthday is. Which month is your birthday in? Can you say the months of the year in order? Find out the birthdays of people in your family. Talk about the special birthday traditions you have in your family.



Compare some lengths and heights in your home. Can you find something that is taller than you? Can you find something that is shorter than you? Put your family in height order. Put some objects in order of their length.



Tell your family the story of Diwali. Tell them about Rama and Sita and their big adventure. Draw your favourite part of the story. (after week 2)



Write a Christmas list. What are you wishing for this year? Use a magazine to cut out pictures of the toys you would like. Can you hear some sounds in words/toys?
e.g. d-o-ll or t-e-d.

Learn the words to a new Christmas song. Perform it to your family. If you would like to, please share it with us in school.

Food is a big part of many of the festivals we are finding out about. Try cooking a new recipe to celebrate Diwali or Hanukkah. Look here for some inspiration
<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/diwali-recipes>
or
<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/hanukkah-recipes>

Take a photo or draw a picture of your feast!