

Reception Newsletter Autumn 2



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 Day before the holidays; therefore we will also be weaving the theme of 'magic' into our learning!

What we will be learning about:

- 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 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
- Traditional representations of witches

You can help at home by:

- Encourage your child to practise writing their name with correct letter formation
- Practice reading set 1 letter sounds and using the letter rhyme to help your child to write their letters correctly
- Look at photographs of celebrations together 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
- Talk about school by looking at photos on Tapestry together
- Read your school reading book at least 3 times across the week

Your child will

- Explore Diwali traditions with fun activities such as making Rangoli and drawing henna designs
- 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

Important Information

Children in Reception will have a weekly outdoor learning session. Please can they bring in a pair of wellies with their name in. **RLK** will need their wellies on **Wednesday** and **RAP** will need their wellies on **Thursday.**

Christmas Disco - Wednesday 17th December 3.30-4.30pm. If you have purchased a ticket for the disco, your child's class teachers will take the them to the hall. You will then collect your child from the usual entrance at 4.30pm.

Nativity Performances:
RLK - Monday 14th December at 9:30am
RAP - Thursday 17th December at 9:30am

Christmas Party - Friday 18th December

Have a look at our brilliant website, where you will find other useful information and some examples of our beautiful work!

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