

# The Great Explorers and The Amazing Adventurers

Hello,

Our topic this half term is 'Celebrations'. During this half term we will be talking about lots of different celebrations and how they sometimes differ within diverse cultures. We will be learning lots about celebrations of light, through Bonfire Night and Diwali and we will also be looking closely at different countries such as India and China. This will lead us very quickly into exploring the Christian tradition of Christmas! We will be writing simple words and sentences and drawing lots of pictures about what we have learned. We will be reading lots of stories both fiction and non-fiction and will be practising songs and learning lines for our Christmas performance of 'Mary's Knitting'. As well as all of this excitement we will be observing what happens during our seasons, how the weather behaves and how nature changes during these periods of time. We will be concentrating on number recognition and number ordering, making patterns and shape recognition.

During this half term we would also like to promote independence and would ask you kindly to help us to make sure that your child is coming into the classroom on their own in the morning. This will not only help your child to manage their own morning routine but it will also help them in the leap to year one, where parents are encouraged not to bring their children inside the classroom. We understand that this can be quite difficult at first but it will get easier and will boost your child's independence immensely.

As this half-term is extremely busy both at home and at school we do not usually give the children lots of homework. We do however ask that the children continue to use Reading Eggs and Mathletics. Mathletics logins and passwords will be given out shortly, please keep an eye out for these in your child's reading folder. Please continue to read with your children and practise their phonemes and key words as often as you can 😊

We are very interested in your child's achievements outside of school and would love to know more about these. We give your children chance to share any exciting news they may have with the rest of the class. If your child has won a medal, gained a certificate or is proud of something they have created at home, please encourage them to come and talk to us about it.

We have an open door policy in Reception and we really value parental involvement. If you have any concerns or worries please feel free to come in and speak to a member of staff in Reception.

Thank you for your continued support!

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## Homework

- I can practise putting on and zipping up my own coat
- I can practise putting on my gloves
- I can practise my words for the Christmas Performance
- I can go on Reading Eggs
- I can go on Mathletics