St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Primary School

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14



Curriculum Update

Autumn 2 half Term – Reception



Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter informs you about what your child will be learning at school in the Autumn term. We hope that you will be able to help your child explore and discuss these areas at home through some of the following ideas:

- researching areas at the local library and helping your child develop their library skills
- searching with them on the internet for child friendly material and relevant websites
- watching relevant television programmes that may support their work, or visiting a museum
- **and, most importantly**, talking to your child about what they have done at school! Listen to what they have learned and praise their achievements!

Topic	Our Learning
Let's Celebrate 	This term we continue our topic '**Let's Celebrate**', but this time we are spending time learning about different celebrations that happen around this time of year from all around the world. We will be thinking about Remembrance and the significance of people wearing a poppy and attend a special worship in which we all come together to show respect and take part in the 2-minutes silence. Other celebrations include the Hindu festival of Diwali, we will learn how and why it is celebrated and focus on the story of Rama and Sita. We are focusing on the British tradition of Bonfire Night and will learn about the story of Guy Fawkes. Through these celebrations the children will be exploring a range of different media and mixing colours to create their own pictures. During this time we will explore other festivals in which light plays a key part. As a year group we will explore different celebrations that we have experiences of and what happens during the celebration, the preparation that goes on before and if there are any songs or dances that are linked to the celebration. As Advent begins we will be thinking of ways we can all prepare for Christmas and learning all about how this special time of year is celebrated around the world. We will be learning new songs ready to perform in our EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity performance. We will focus on the Nativity story in class and explore the significance the birth of Jesus has on Christians both through songs and role plays.

	In maths we will be representing, comparing, and recognising different amounts and composing numbers to 10, each week covering a different number as well as focusing on basic 2D shapes and positional language. We will explore these areas practically and make links to the real world through our role play areas and activities the children can choose from. **We continue with ELS this term and move on to Phase 3 and recapping Phase 2 sounds. The sounds we will be covering include 'j, v, w, x, y, zz, qu, ch, sh, th ,ng, nk, ai, ee, igh and oa'.** **We will be using these graphemes to help segment a range of words ready to blend them back together as well as preparing us to read a range of different sentences. We will be starting again with raffle tickets which if your child reads 3 times or more will receive. Please also complete the Reading Brick Road when your child has read the library book of their choosing.** **Thank you for your continued support!**

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