



Let's Celebrate!

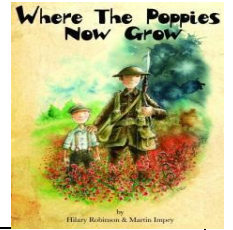
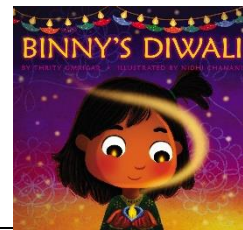
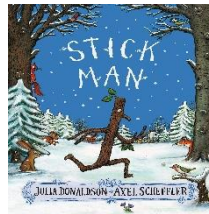



Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a lovely half term. This term we will be spending time looking at how we celebrate different winter festivals such as Birthdays, Diwali, November 5th (Bonfire Night) and Christmas. We will be remembering times when we have celebrated events and we will be talking about the past including remembrance.

The boxes below briefly explain the areas we will be looking at and some of the work we will be doing which will be incorporated through play and teacher focused activities. As part of this topic, we will begin to look at 'Light and Dark', non-fiction books and will be writing letters, lists and recipes.


Some of the texts we will be looking at are:



<p><u>Understanding of the World</u> Light and Dark Different celebrations such as Birthdays, Remembrance, Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas around the world Firework science experiment Finding out about the past Exploring seasons</p>	<p><u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</u> Safety and rules in different situations Working and creating role play together Remembrance Being thankful</p>	<p><u>Expressive Art & Design</u> Firework art Making poppies Making Diwali puppets Diva lamps Cooking cakes/biscuits Christmas craft Cards & Decorations</p>
<p><u>Communication and Language</u> Listening and following instructions Thinking and talking about celebrations Understanding and sequencing stories and events Songs</p>		<p><u>Physical Development</u> Bonfire safety Fine motor skills - Holding pencils correctly, wrapping, Letter and number formations Cutting skills to make poppies Diwali dancing Threading</p>
<p><u>Religious Education</u> Exploring Diwali Exploring Christmas Around the World What is Remembrance? What is Christmas like for Christians and others around the world?</p>	<p><u>Mathematics</u> Counting skills & recognising numbers of the week Subitising Number bonds to 5 addition 'one more' and 'one less' Repeating patterns, 2D Shapes and weighing parcels</p>	<p><u>Literacy</u> Story exploration Writing firework sound labels Colour poetry Writing recipes, cards, instructions, invitations, lists and letters.</p>

Home Learning

I would like to thank you all for your effort with this term's home learning tasks including reading with your children. The children have already made great progress with learning sounds and every read will help this to become more secure.

Reading	<p>Your child will bring a book home each week. It is essential that this is returned each day as we will be using these books in reading sessions. Please do share this book with your child as often as you can. Reading books come home on a Wednesday.</p> <p>Please record all the reading your child does in their reading record. You may like to add a positive or helpful comment in the reading diary but please acknowledge that the book has been read by signing and dating in the comments section. (We use these to work out our reading score at the end of the week for celebrations assembly.)</p>
Little Wandle Letters & Sounds	<p>The children will continue to bring a little wandle homework sheet home on a Monday as their homework. These sheet link directly to the sounds we have learnt in class and will support their reading and writing skills.</p> <p>If you need support in knowing the letter sounds please use the video clip recommended below.</p> <p>https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/ This will help to support you with your phonic knowledge. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come and talk to us on the gate or email the office.</p>
Maths	<p>We will be using CBeebies Number Blocks to help with our teaching of number. We will be starting with '6' and then taking a different number every week to understand the value and embed foundations. Other maths activities will be taking place at the same time. This is part of the recommendations from the Maths Mastery approach. Please use as much language at home around number and counting. This will help them become more secure in their number and counting skills.</p> 

Key questions to ask your child at home:

- What do we celebrate?
- Why does the world get dark?
- Who do we remember?

Useful Websites

www.ictgames.co.uk and www.topmarks.co.uk for Literacy and Maths games.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk Phase 2 and 3 games, blending sounds and words.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle and their book bag each day.
- Can the children please always have a coat in school particularly as the British weather is unpredictable.
- Our PE day is Tuesday, but PE kits should be in all week. We will send them home halfway through the term for a wash.

Learning Journeys

As part of the EYFS it is really important for parents to see and contribute to the children's learning journeys.

To encourage this, during parent consultations we will be inviting parents to look through their children's learning journey books and add in any comments using our 'WOW slips.

We hope you all have a lovely second term supporting the children in their learning and can see how much they have learnt already. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Boswell and Ms Eldridge