

Let's Celebrate!

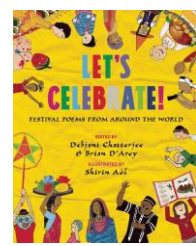
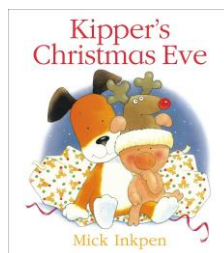
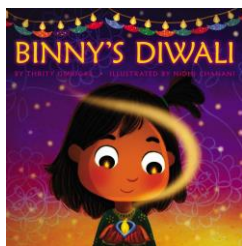



Dear Oak Families,

Welcome back, 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 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. This will be explored 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:



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| <p><u>Understanding of the World</u> Light and Dark Different celebrations such as Birthdays, Remembrance, Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas around the world 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 Circle time</p> |  | <p><u>Physical Development</u> Bonfire safety Holding pencils correctly Wrapping and cutting skills Letter and number formations Diwali dancing Threading</p> |
| <p><u>Religious Education</u> Exploring Diwali Exploring Christmas Around the World What is Remembrance? What is Christmas like for people around the world?</p> | <p><u>Mathematics</u> Counting skills & recognising numbers Subitising Time exploration Number bonds to 5 and addition 'one more' and 'one less' Repeating patterns, 2D Shapes 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 last 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.

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| Reading | Your child will bring books home each week. One of these books will be a Little Wandle book and it will remain the same all week. The idea is that it is read repeatedly to give your child confidence and fluency. The other books will be more regularly changed. It is essential that the book wallets are returned each day as we will be using these books in reading sessions. |
| Little Wandle Letters & Sounds | Each week, the Little Wandle planning will be shared with you in your child's homework book. You will be able to see which sounds and which tricky words they will be working on that week. It would be useful to support the children in identifying these sounds and tricky words when reading with them at home. If you need support in knowing the letter sounds, please use the support recommended below. We have noticed that those children who are aware of the sounds that we will be covering benefit greatly from this knowledge. |
| Maths | 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. |

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.

Phonics – if you are supporting your child with their phonics at home please visit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ksblMiliA8> to ensure you are teaching the pronunciation of the sounds in the same way.

Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a named **water bottle**, **coat** and their **book bag** each day.
- Can the children please always bring a **coat** and a **full change of clothes** in a named plastic bag.
- Ensure children's uniform, outdoor clothing, water bottles, lunchboxes and any additional items are named. Their outdoor/forest school clothes are expected to be at school, and we will return home when it requires a wash.
- Our regular PE day is on **Wednesday**. The children will change for PE at school.

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 if necessary.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Taylor & Miss Waterman