

Let's Celebrate!

Maple Class Newsletter Term 2 2022

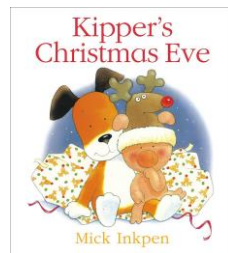
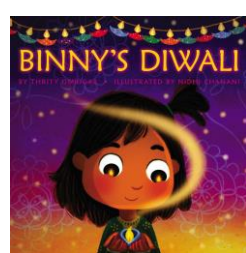
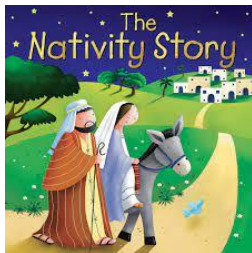


Dear Parents,

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

Learning Journeys

We are keen for you to have an opportunity to come in and see your child's learning journeys. We would like to invite you into Maple Class on Monday 7th or Tuesday 8th of November at 3:00pm. Please come to the main entrance of the school so that you can sign in.

Home Learning

We 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.

Reading	Your child will bring one Little Wandle home each week. They will also be able to choose another book each day. It is essential that they bring both books in each day so that we can use them in group and individual reading sessions. When sharing a book with your child, 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.
Little Wandle Letters & Sounds	The Little Wandle planning is sent to you with the homework, inside their homework books. It is really helpful if you review the sound of the day with your child. It would also be really useful if you could support your child in identifying these sounds when reading with them. If you need support in knowing the letter sounds please use the video clip recommended below. The children are beginning to use their phonic knowledge to write simple words so please do encourage them. At this stage, we encourage the children to sound out words as independently as possible.
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. 

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.

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 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.

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.



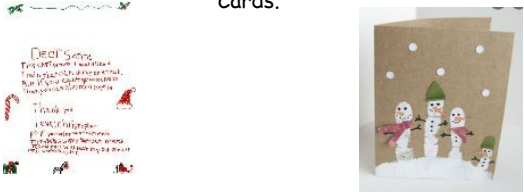










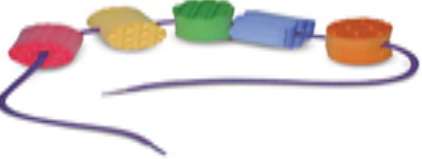
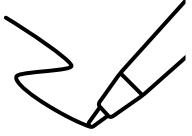





Thank you for your support,

Mrs Boldero, Miss Munn and Mrs Higman



'Let's Celebrate'
Learning Map
What are we doing this term?



<p>Literacy</p> 	<p>Stories & Non-fiction Texts</p> 	<p>Invitations & Letters to Father Christmas Cards.</p> 
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Numbers to 10</p> 	<p>Shapes and shape patterns</p> 
<p>Personal, Social and Emotional</p> 	<p>Jigsaw celebrating difference</p> 	<p>Being thankful for what we have.</p> 
<p>Understanding the world</p> 	<p>Celebrations</p> 	<p>Understanding other faiths and the Christmas story</p> 
<p>Physical Development</p> 	<p>Threading and folding</p> 	<p>Letter and number formation</p> 
<p>Communication & Language</p> 	<p>Listening and Talking to</p>  <p>others</p>	<p>Talking about feelings</p> 
<p>Expressive Art & Design</p> 	<p>Diwali Art</p> 	<p>Christmas Decorations</p> 