



Tel: 01740 651599  
Email: [clevescross@durhamlearning.net](mailto:clevescross@durhamlearning.net)  
Web: [www.clevescross.durham.sch.uk/](http://www.clevescross.durham.sch.uk/)

Cleves Cross Primary and  
Nursery School  
Ferryhill  
County Durham  
DL17 8QY



Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had a busy first week back at Nursery after our half term holiday - there's been plenty of balloons, cake and presents as we helped Mrs. Morrison celebrate her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday! Congratulations Mrs. Morrison!

We are excited to welcome some new friends to nursery next week- our nursery is almost full! This half term our theme is 'Whizz, Bang, Sparkle. We will be looking at celebrations including Bonfire night, Diwali, Remembrance Day, birthdays and of course Christmas as well as colours, colour mixing and shapes!

Over the course of the half term we will be focusing on;

**Personal and Social Education:**

- Settling into our environment.
- Understanding our rules and routines.
- Activities with turn taking opportunities.
- My culture.
- Celebrations that are important to me.

**Literacy/ Communication and Language:**

- Introducing reading area and how to use books.
- Retelling/ discussing core stories covered.
- Beginning to recognise our name around the Nursery.
- Role play- indoor and outdoor- Home corner / mud kitchen.
- Circle games
- Letters to Santa
- Writing Christmas wish lists.
- Name writing with correct letter formation.
- Virtual Nativity Performance

**Mathematics:**

- Enjoying number rhymes.
- Sorting/matching/ordering
- Colour mixing and patterns
- Shape names and simple properties
- Rangoli patterns





Tel: 01740 651599  
Email: [clevescross@durhamlearning.net](mailto:clevescross@durhamlearning.net)  
Web: [www.clevescross.durham.sch.uk/](http://www.clevescross.durham.sch.uk/)

Cleves Cross Primary and  
Nursery School  
Ferryhill  
County Durham  
DL17 8QY



### Understanding the World:

- Cultures
- Celebrations - Diwali, Christmas, Halloween, bonfire, birthdays
- Discussing the difference between light and dark.

### Creative Development:

- Tidy up music/ Transition songs.
- Colour mixing
- Bonfire pictures.
- Leaf printing.
- Virtual Christmas Nativity.
- Christmas crafts.

### Physical Development:

- Developing fine motor control and finger grip.
- Developing independent toilet skills.
- Dressing and undressing skills such as putting on our own coats

In the Foundation Stage we follow children's interests, so it may be that some of these activities do not get completed and we follow the lead of the children into a different aspect of the topic.

As the weather continues to cool over this coming half term and in Nursery we spend a lot of time outside- it is important that all children have a warm winter coat, hat, gloves and wellies with their name inside as well as a bag of spare clothes for any necessary changes.

Please don't forget to upload on your child's Tapestry account all the lovely things you get up to at home over the coming weeks.

Many thanks for all your support, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Morrison and Miss. Taylor.

