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Dear Families,

Welcome back after half term. We had a very busy first half term here at Nursery. We are excited to welcome some new friends to nursery this week- our nursery is almost full!

This half term our theme is *Let's Celebrate*: 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 and traditions
- Celebrations that are important to me and my friends
- Our emotions and how we can name them

Literacy and Communication and Language:

- How to use books
- Retelling and discussing stories covered.
- Beginning to recognise our name around the Nursery
- Name writing
- Role play through the home corner and mud kitchen
- Circle games
- Letters to Santa
- Nativity Performance
- Greetings cards

Mathematics:

- Enjoying number and finger rhymes
- Sorting/matching/ordering
- Colour mixing and patterns
- Shape names and simple properties
- Rangoli patterns large and small
- Counting objects and actions





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Understanding the World:

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



Expressive Arts and Design:

- Colour mixing
- Bonfire pictures
- Christmas Nativity
- Christmas crafts
- Seasonal and Christmas songs and rhymes
- Nursery rhymes and traditional songs

Physical Development:

- Developing fine motor control and finger grip
- Developing scissor control
- Developing independent toilet skills
- Dressing and undressing skills such as putting on our own coats and shoes
- Obstacle courses
- Biking and riding activities
- How to move large equipment safely with friends

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 and mittens/gloves 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,
The Nursery Team

