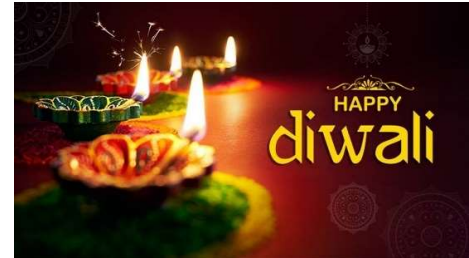




Dear parents/carers,

This half term we are learning about celebrations, considering the answer to the question: 'What do you celebrate?'

In Literacy, we will be using a range of books to develop children's knowledge and understanding of a variety of celebrations including Bonfire Night, Diwali, birthdays, weddings and Christmas. We will also be exploring a variety of contexts for writing including lists, poems, invitations, cards and stories. We will be doing lots of activities to develop our pencil control and letter formation.

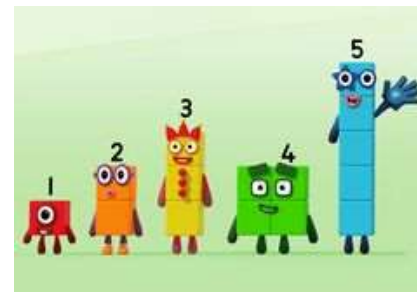


We have daily phonics sessions, working on developing children's recognition of letters, identifying both the letter name and sound. We will be working on identifying initial sounds and segmenting and blending the other sounds in simple (CVC) words for reading and writing.



Every child has a set of Anima Phonics flashcards to practise at home, in addition to their Anima Phonics book and a reading book to practise reading at home and in school. Children will also bring home a library book each week, for you to read to them. Please listen to your child read as much as possible, as well as reading stories to them to encourage a love of reading!

In Maths, we are practising counting, using 1:1 correspondence. We are working on developing a deep understanding of numbers to 5, exploring the number system and the relationships between numbers. We will also be exploring, naming and describing some 2D shapes.



This half term, we will be developing our understanding of the world through lots of investigation and exploring our senses, especially when tasting Indian food. We will be talking about family traditions and what celebrations we enjoy. We will be looking at how people celebrate special times in different ways.

For our Personal, Social and Emotional development we will be exploring feelings such as happy, sad, worried, scared and considering special times when we might experience these feelings. We will continue to work on our listening and attention skills and oracy through circle times. We will also explore friendship and kindness.

In Expressive Arts and Design, we will be making Diya lamps, Christmas cards, calendars and decorations using various materials and a range of different techniques. We will be singing new songs and learning actions so that we are ready for our Christmas Nativity!

Children will be learning outside every day (unless extreme weather conditions). Please ensure that your child brings a warm, waterproof coat, hat and gloves (no scarves please due to health and safety, snoods are fine). PE is still on Friday, until Christmas. Please dress your child ready for PE. We will be doing yoga therefore children need to be able to take off their own shoes and socks. Please avoid tights or lace up trainers and ensure that all jewellery is removed for these sessions.

Our aim is to make children happy at school and enjoy learning. If you have any questions about the Foundation Stage or concerns about your child; please do not hesitate to talk to a member of staff.

Thank you!

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### Dates for the Diary

- \* Dick Whittington Panto for FS and KSI - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024.
- \* Christmas Dinner -Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024.
- \* Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024,
- \* FS and KSI Christmas performance 9:30am Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024.
- \* FS and KSI Christmas performance 2:00pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024.
- \* FS1 and FS2 Christmas Party- AM Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024
- \* Last Day of school - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024.



*Together, we can achieve anything!*