

# Welcome back to Reception!

## We are really looking forward to a fun filled half-term. Our topic is 'Let's Celebrate.'

### **PSED**

In PSED we will continue to work on showing kindness to others, building small friendship groups and showing awareness of other's needs, wants and feelings. The children will talk about their own feelings, likes and dislikes.

We will continue to practise to put on our own coat, fasten zips and poppers and getting changed for P.E.

**PD - PE** sessions take place every week. This half term our PE focus is ball skills and team games. Please ensure P.E kits come into school on a Monday. We will continue to strengthen the muscles in our fingers through a range of activities such as weaving, using knives and using tools such as a hole punch.

**Literacy** - In literacy we will be reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction books. Some of our focus texts will be 'The Best Diwali Ever!', The Scarecrows Wedding and the Nativity story.

Children will continue to practise writing their name and the initial and end sounds in simple words to write lists, labels and captions.

In Read, Write Inc we will be learning set 1 sounds and special friends with Fred frog. We will use our phonetic knowledge to blend and segment words.

**Expressive Arts and Design** - We will be investigating different media and materials to create a range of models and art work. Children will make firework rockets, Poppies, Rangoli patterns, Christmas cards and decorations.

### **Communication and Language**

This half-term we will read and listen to a range of poems, rhymes, songs and read fiction and non-fiction books. We will respond to 'who', 'where', 'what' and 'when' questions linked to texts and illustrations and ask questions about events, feelings, main characters and where a stories are set.

The children will work towards retelling stories in their own words and repeating phrases from stories in their play.

Children will be encouraged to speak in full sentences and use talk to explain their ideas and thought processes.

**Maths** - In numerical patterns we will be learning new maths skills through many fun activities. Children will use 2D flat shapes to create 3D solid shapes. When revisiting patterns, children will print repeating patterns to create Christmas wrapping paper.

In number we will practise counting beyond ten, start to use language to compare numbers to ten and learn number facts to 5.

### **Understanding The World**

When thinking about the past and present, we will learn about Bonfire night and why people celebrate this historical event. We will spend time learning facts about Guy Fawkes and the children will be asked to share experiences about past and present events in their life.

In people and communities, we will learn about the Hindu festival Diwali and the Christian celebration Christmas we will talk about people's different beliefs and celebrations and different places of worship.

### **Enrichments**

Wedding at Holy Cross Church—Monday 17th November (letter to follow)

Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to volunteer to walk to the church with the children.

