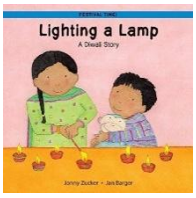
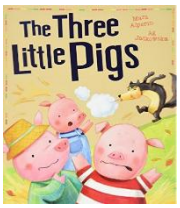
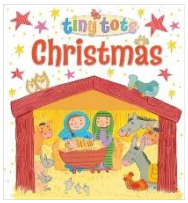
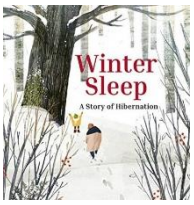
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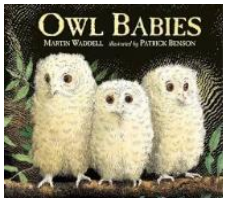
Welcome back everyone, we hope you had a wonderful week! We have three mini topics this half term which will be Celebrations, Traditional Tales and Seasonal changes. We have already been learning about Bonfire Night and will learn about Diwali. The children have been creating firework pictures and will make rangoli patterns. As winter draws in, we will be learning about Christmas which will include a visit to a local church in December. Singing will be heard as we rehearse our Christmas performance. Here is a selection of texts we will share during the term.












We follow the Little Wandle Phonics Scheme. To find out more check out the website: https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/

These are the sounds we will be learning this half term:

- ff,ll,ss,j
- v,w,x,y
- z, zz, qu, ch
- sh th ng nk
- words with s /s/ added at the end (hats sits) and words ending s /z/ (his)

We follow the White Rose Scheme of Learning, alongside NCETM Maths Mastery for our Maths Curriculum. Here are the areas covered this term:

- Circles and triangles
- Numbers 4 and 5
- One more, one less
- Shapes with 4 sides
- Introducing zero
- Subitising to 5
- Comparison of numbers to 5

Check out the 1-minute maths app – focus on subtising (don't count, know the amount)
https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/1-minute-maths

Reminder: As we promote healthy eating in school; we don't give out birthday treats. We will still celebrate your child's birthday at school.

Reminder: Please remember to label all your child's property such as water bottles and coats so they can locate their possessions.

Reminder: Please send your child in wearing comfortable clothing, such as leggings or jogging bottoms and a t-shirt, on Thursdays as we will be having PE sessions.

Reminder: Please return your child's reading book and diary in the plastic wallet provided every Thursday. To keep important letters safe, we will often send them home on Friday in the plastic wallet, please check this regularly.

- **Church visit - date to be confirmed**
- **Winter visit to Forest School at The Bridge**
  - Mrs Mertens' class Wednesday 2nd December
  - Mr Mentlak's class Friday 4th December
- **Reading morning starts Friday 13th November** – 8.50-9.20 – all welcome - We will set up the classroom with books but feel free to bring a family favourite. When you arrive find a space, pick a book, and start to read it to your child and whoever else wants to listen. Reading morning will also be on the 20th, 27th of November and the 4th and 11th of December.

**Supporting at home**

- Visit a Christmas market, note how cold the weather is becoming and how early it gets dark as we transition into winter this term. Comment on how our clothes, food and drink, and family habits change at this time of year. Such as wearing hats and scarfs or enjoying a hot chocolate.
- Read and act out your favourite traditional tales at home. Encourage your child to join in with familiar story language such as “Once upon a time” and “They all lived happily ever after.”
- Visit Greenwich Park, look at the trees that are almost bare of leaves followed by a walk to the market to look at the lights and Christmas decorations.
- Write a Christmas list. Amongst the toys, encourage your child to think of something altruistic they would like such as their friends being happy or everyone being kind to one another.

You can make the termly £20 contribution to enable our trips to take place via the product section on MCAS. If you have any questions, you can contact us through the office at halstow@compassps.uk and it will be redirected to the relevant person.

Kind regards,

The Reception Team