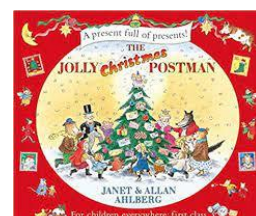
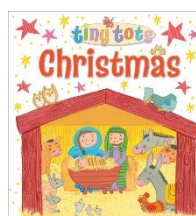
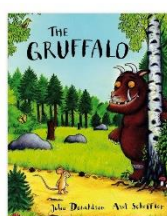
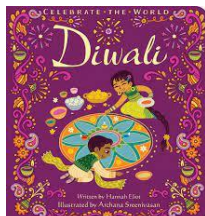
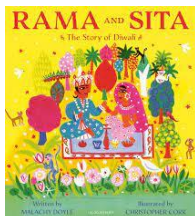
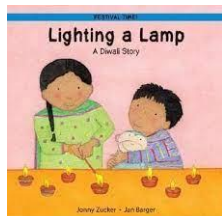


Reception Newsletter - Autumn 2

Welcome back everyone, we hope you had a wonderful week! Our overarching topic will be 'Celebrations'. We have begun by finding out about the similarities and differences between Bonfire Night and Diwali. The children have already enjoyed creating firework pictures, rangoli patterns and diva lamps. As Winter draws in, we will be learning about Christmas which will include a visit to a local church. 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:

- ❖ Representing, comparing and the composition of 1, 2 and 3
- ❖ Circles, triangles and spatial awareness
- ❖ Numbers to 5
- ❖ One more, one less
- ❖ Shapes with 4 sides
- ❖ Measurement – time

Check out the 1-minute maths app – focus on subitising (don't count, know the amount)

<https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/1-minute-maths>

Reading morning starts **Friday 11th November** – 8.50-9.30 – 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 **Friday 18th November, 25th November and 2nd December**.

Another visit to 'The Bridge' beckons where we will be planting daffodils and making bird feeders. Please let your teacher know if you are able to volunteer.

Mr Mentlak: Thursday 24th November (1.15pm-3pm) Mrs Jones: Friday 25th November (1.15pm-3pm)

On **Thursday 10th November** we will be visiting the SKSS Temple in Woolwich. We will be learning about Diwali. Please let us know if you can volunteer.

On **Friday 9th December** we will be visiting Christ Church to listen to the Christian Nativity story told by Rev. Dominic Hubbuck – more info to follow.

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

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 hscontact@halstow.compassps.uk and it will be redirected to the relevant person.

Kind regards, The Reception Team