## <u>Nursery</u>

Welcome back to nursery. I hope you have had a lovely half term.

During the first week back we will spend time learning about Bonfire Night. The children will discuss how to keep safe, listen to a story about a hedgehog finding a safe place to live and dress a teddy for a cold night using the interactive whiteboard. Children will learn an action song about fireworks and then explore which instruments make appropriate sounds for the song. Number rhymes will also be related to fireworks and children will be counting back from five taking one firework away each time. They will also take part in a fun morning where they will be able to work with the reception children carrying out various activities such as, painting firework pictures using a flicking technique, making chocolate sprinklers and designing a safety poster.

During the second week, we will further our awareness of other cultures by celebrating the Hindu festival Divali. Children will have the opportunity to make a Diva Lamp, taste traditional food and listen to stories about the Festival of Light.

We will also focus on Autumn and Colours All Around. We will observe the seasonal changes around us and carry out activities relating to autumn. We will read lots of stories based on colour such as 'Elmer', 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear', 'The mixed up Chameleon' and 'The Princess and the Wizard'.

Throughout the half term children will continue to follow a high quality phonics programme called 'Letters and Sounds'. They will be involved in games and activities which will encourage them to explore a variety of sounds, extend their speaking and listening skills, and begin to explore rhymes and rhyming words.

Towards the end of the term, we will move into Christmas celebrations. We will discuss Christmas traditions and the children will be involved in various creative activities. They will also be rehearsing for their own Foundation Stage Christmas performance 'An Easy Cheesy Nativity'.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your generous contributions to our fruit basket, we really appreciate everything you have given to us and this benefits your child's experience in Nursery.

Mrs J Aydeniz

Mrs A McNab

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