



Buds Class

Autumn Term 2 2017

Our topic for this term is Celebrations. We will be covering a range of celebrations from Firework Night to birthdays, Hanukah and Christmas. The children will be decorating their home corner and finding out about the different ways to celebrate these occasions.

Maths

Over the term we will be focusing on measuring length and height, 3D shapes, money and days of the week. We will also continue with a number of the week as well as counting and recognising numbers to 10.

English

Over the first few weeks we will be reading 'Halibut Jackson' by David Lucas and exploring this story through role play, writing signs and invitations and thinking about key words in simple sentences. We will also be looking at stories that feature animals that hibernate and the season of Winter. As Christmas approaches, we will read stories such as 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' as well as other rhyming stories and then we will move on to the Christmas story. Our library day will continue to be every Monday. Please make sure that your child has their book in their book bag.

Physical Development

At the start of every day we will be practising fine motor skills by tracing over letters and patterns, manipulating play-dough, using tweezers to pick up different sized objects and threading strings through small holes and objects. We will regularly be making use of the bikes and trikes outside, as well as the trim trail and our lovely outdoor space. The children will be practising jumping, hopping, stretching and copying movements as well as throwing and catching.

Expressive arts and crafts

The children will have opportunities to use materials and paint for arts and crafts related to celebrations. As you may have found out already, your child will come home messy! We will also be singing a lot of different songs and rhymes and using instruments to explore sounds.

Achievement Tree

A reminder that we have class 'Achievement Tree'. We would welcome contributions of achievement leaves from home. When your child achieves something new please write the achievement on the leaf, remembering to put your child's name and the date. Then send the leaf into school so that it can be hung on the tree. Please collect more leaves from one of us as and when you need them.

Parent contribution

The children will be setting up a draper's shop and thinking about different outfits that people may wear for different occasions so we will be grateful for any donations of dressing up clothes. We are also setting up a mud kitchen for the children to test out their own recipes and would appreciate any old pots and pans. We have several prams for the children to use but very few baby dolls. We would appreciate any donations of dolls and clothing please.

Please continue to help your child to practise putting on their coat and getting changed for school.

A reminder that every child needs a named water bottle and coat in school every day as well as a PE kit every Wednesday.

Film Festival

We will be having a Film Festival trip to the Stag Theatre on Friday 17th November.

Nativity

Buds will be joining Saplings for the KS1 Nativity. The children will be learning songs and actions during the term. More information regarding costumes and tickets will be given out nearer the time but keep the 4th or 5th December free so that you can watch the children perform.

Mrs Stevens and Mrs Saheed