

Monday 8th November 2021

Year group: Reception

Classes: Maple and Chestnut

Teachers: Miss Hackett and Mr Martisius

Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers

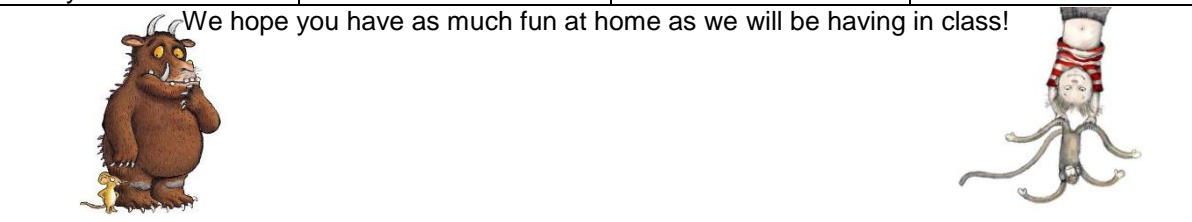
This half term our topic is; 'Let's Celebrate'. We will be learning about; different festivals that are celebrated at this time. Including; Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas. We will learn about Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day.

Thank you,

Reception Team

<p style="text-align: center;">Literacy Key Texts The Baby Mouse The Gruffalo</p> <p>We will be learning to; Write our names correctly. Retell familiar stories. Create story maps. Write Lists. Use the sounds we know in our reading and writing. We will be writing our own version of; The Baby Mouse. A text map will come home for you to learn. We will be designing and writing descriptions for our own monsters.</p> <p>At home you could; Continue to read every day. Go on Bugclub regularly. Complete phonics homework weekly. Write shopping lists, Christmas wish lists, lists of favourite things. Read stories to your child. Use puppets/toys to retell your favourite bedtime stories.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Number</p> <p>We will be learning to; Numbers to 5. Comparing, ordering and representing numbers to 5. One more and one less than numbers to 5. Number bonds to 5. Recognising amounts of objects without counting. 2-D shape names and properties.</p> <p>At home you could; Play matching number games. Play snap games, encouraging your child to recognise the amounts shown on each card. Go on Athletics regularly. Learn 2D shape names, go on a shape hunt around your house looking for shapes in everyday objects.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Communication and Language</p> <p>We are learning to; Join in with poems and rhymes. Respond to questions, giving reasons for our thoughts.</p> <p>At home you could; Share lots of stories and talk about what happened in them. Can your child give their opinions on the story?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Physical Development</p> <p>We will be learning to; Hold a pencil correctly using the tripod grip. Form the letters of our name correctly. Dancing to music. Moving on, around, under, over equipment safely.</p> <p>We have PE every Wednesday. This half term we will be inside. All children should wear joggers/leggings, plain white t-shirt and black trainers every Wednesday.</p> <p>At home you could; Create your own dance routines to your favourite songs. Practice forming letters correctly with your weekly phonics homework. Strengthen finger muscles with; cutting, threading and playdough activities. Visit the local parks and find new ways of moving; on, along, under, over the playground equipment.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Expressive Arts and Design</p> <p>We will be learning to; Experiment with printing to make firework. Move to music. Christmas crafts. Act out familiar stories.</p> <p>At home you could; Spend time painting and exploring printing using everyday objects to make different patterns and textures. Use puppets/toys to retell your favourite bedtime stories.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Understanding World</p> <p>We will be learning about; Bonfire Night Remembrance Day Diwali Hanukkah Advent Christmas</p> <p>At home you could; Talk about special celebrations in your family. Talk about how you used to celebrate special events when you were a child. How is it different/similar to now?</p>
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<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p> <p>Our JIGSAW topic is; Celebrating Differences.</p> <p>We will be learning all about; what we are good at, what makes us special, all about our families and how we are different or similar to others.</p> <p>At home you could; Talk about your child's special talents and interests. Talk about your family. Talk to your child about special celebrations in your family/culture.</p>	<p>Did they enjoy the story and why? Were all the characters nice/why? Share poems and rhymes with your child. Share and learn some of your favourite nursery rhymes from when you were a child.</p>		
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You can email class teachers directly on the class email accounts and we will do our best to get back to you within a couple of days.

Chestnut Class- -chestnutclass@harefieldinfant.com

Maple- -mapleclass@harefieldinfant.com

Activity Money

In Reception we love to cook, taste new foods, watch plants grow and take part in messy play. Your Activity Money contributions really support us with providing exciting learning experiences for your child.

We kindly ask for voluntary contributions of 50p per child, per week. Please give directly to your child's class teacher.

Thank you
Reception Team