

St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Primary School

Curriculum Update



Autumn Term 2 – Reception



Dear Parents,

This letter informs you about what your child will be learning at school in the second half of the autumn term. We hope that you will be able to help your child explore and discuss these areas at home through some of the following ideas:

- researching areas at the local library and helping your child develop their library skills
- searching with them on the internet for child friendly material and relevant websites
- watching relevant television programmes that may support their work, or visiting a museum
- **and, most importantly**, talking to your child about what they have done at school! Listen to what they have learned and praise their achievements!

Topic	Our Learning
Let's Celebrate	<p>This term we continue our topic 'Let's Celebrate' but this time we are spending time learning about different celebrations that happen around this time of year from all around the world. We will be thinking about Remembrance and the significance of people wearing a poppy. The Hindu festival of Diwali how and why it is celebrated and focussed on the story of Rama and Sita. We are focusing on the British tradition of Bonfire Night and will learn about the story of Guy Fawkes. Through these celebrations the children will be exploring a range of different media and mixing colours to create their own pictures.</p> <p>We will then introduce the children to the Jewish celebration of Hannukah and learn about how families around the world celebrate this special Festival of Lights. We will learn the story behind the celebration and learn to play traditional games linked to this special time.</p> <p>As Advent begins we will be thinking of ways we can all prepare for Christmas and learning all about how this special time of year is celebrated around the world. As a year group we will be learning new songs ready to perform in our EYFS and Key stage 1 Nativity performance. We will focus on the Nativity story in class and explore the significance the birth of Jesus has on Christians.</p> <p>In maths we will be representing, comparing, recognising different amounts and composing numbers to 10, each week covering a different number as well as focusing on basic 2D shapes and positional language. We</p>

will explore these areas practically and make links to the real world through our role play areas and activities the children can choose from. We continue with ELS this term and move on to phase 3. The sounds we will be covering include 'j,v,w,x,y,zz,qu,ch,sh,th,ng,nk,ai,ee,igh and oa'. We will be use these graphemes to help segment a range of words ready to blend them back together as well as preparing us to read a range of different sentences.