

# EYFS NEWSLETTER



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The newsletter is specifically for parents and carers of children in our EYFS setting. We aim to provide you with updates about the learning that has been taking place, what we are looking forward to next and how you can support your child at home.

## Nursery

#### Last half term

Our last topic was 'Festivals and Celebrations'. We explored Bonfire night, Halloween, birthdays and Christmas. I hope you agree that the children created some fabulous pictures during the half term and made a fantastic Christmas tree decoration for their topic task.





The Diploma focus was 'Keep Myself and Others Safe'. We had lots of fun learning the 'Stop, Look, Listen, Think' song. The children particularly enjoyed watching the 'King of the Road' safety campaign.







# Reception

#### Last half term

Our topic last half term was called 'Festivals'. We spent time exploring various festivals and celebrations including Bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas.



Our project was to create Diva lamps using clay. To begin with, we spent time manipulating playdough and exploring ways to create the lamps. We then used clay to make the final piece, adding colour and patterns.



The Diploma was 'Keep Myself and Others Safe'. We looked at road safety and the different ways of how we can stay safe near the road and in the car. We then learnt the 'Green Cross Code'.





## Coming up this half term

This half term our topic is 'Let's pretend'. We will be covering dragons, knights, princesses, fairies, pirates and magic! It's going to be a fabulous topic with lots of activities available for home learners too.





Our Diploma this half term is 'Wildlife Wonder'. We will be looking at wildlife in the garden and making some bird feeders to hang up around school and hopefully at home. It would be really useful if you could bring into school any spare bags of bird food, or lard suitable for our bird feeders (in a carrier bag please for quarantine!) Thank you in advance.





## How you can help

Please continue to read with your child - talk about the pictures in the book, explain any new vocabulary and encourage the children to join in with repeated phrases. Encourage your child to write messages, practice writing their name or just simple pencil control exercises like following a wavy line. I would just like to say a big 'thank you' for your continued support, amazing feedback and engagement. The work produced by the children both in school and at home has been outstanding.





## Coming up this half term

This half term our topic is 'Amazing Planet'. Whether you are in school or learning remotely online via the Google Classroom, we will be exploring different habitats and learning about animals. We will be using fiction and non-fiction books to help us with our learning about the rainforest and other places.





Our Diploma for this half term is 'Wildlife Wonder'. To complete this, the children are going to be set with challenges. This may include creating a bug hotel, taking part in a mini-beast hunt, planting or bird watching.



# How you can help

I am amazed with the engagement, feedback and work produced by children in school and at home. Please continue to read with and to your children as this is invaluable to ensure they know a wide range of stories and have a love for reading. Using Fred Fingers is one way of supporting children with their spelling and writing of words. They can use their fingers to pinch the sounds and then write the letters to create a word.





