

# Nursery NEWSLETTER

## Hello and welcome back

We hope you have all had a safe and relaxing half term. We have been busy preparing the classroom for our new topic 'Celebrations'. This half term, your child will learn about a number of celebrations from around the world including Diwali, Weddings, Christenings and, of course, Christmas! As well as keeping you updated with your child's learning on Twitter, we wanted to use this newsletter to give you an overview of what is happening in school. As always, if you have any questions please see an adult on the gate.

## Words of the Week

Every week we introduce the children to a new word that might be unfamiliar to them. We go over definitions, synonyms, look at pictures related to that picture and try to use it as often as we can. Please encourage your child to share their knowledge with you.

Week 1: Firework  
Week 2: Diwali  
Week 3: Birthday  
Week 4: Wedding  
Week 5: Advent  
Week 6: Christmas  
Week 7: Joyful

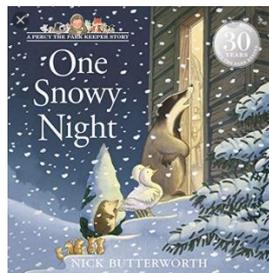
## In maths ...

Each half term we focus our lessons around a particular number. This ensures that the children have a good understanding of the number system and can recognise, count and compare with numbers 1-5. This half term our number focus is 2. We will look at counting to 2, comparing quantities to 2 and explore the composition of 2. We will also begin to focus on shapes and patterns that have 2 in them e.g a semi-circle has 2 sides and some patterns have 2 colours. You can support your child with maths at home by pointing out numbers in the environment and by singing counting songs/rhymes.

## Our Class Book is:

One Snowy Night by Nick Butterworth

We read a range of books every day in Nursery but this will be the text that we base some of our literacy around and look at in depth. We will learn about the author and look at other books that he has written.



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## Phonics and Reading

To support reading in Nursery, we focus on developing listening skills which are a prerequisite of reading. We have been listening to sounds in the environment, sounds that instruments make and the sounds that our bodies make. This half term, we will be listening to sounds in rhyming words and listening for alliteration in words. We also listen to words that 'Fred' tells us. Fred is a frog that can only say sounds. Eg. Fred will say c-a-t for the word cat.

## Reminders

- Please ensure that everything that your child brings to school is labelled, this avoids belongings going missing. (We have 3 jumpers in lost property that do not have names in).
- Please try and bring a pair of wellington boots (if you haven't already) and a waterproof coat so that we can play outside in wet / muddy weather.
- We provide milk and a piece of fruit / veg each day. You are more than welcome to bring your own too.
- Please make sure that your child has a named water bottle in school each day.

## A note on Christmas

Due to government guidance, unfortunately, we will be unable to carry out a school nativity this year. But don't worry, we are busy coming up with alternative ideas and will ensure that Christmas festivity is not dampened in any way! Information will follow shortly.

Thank you for your continued support,

Nursery staff.