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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another very busy term. We hope that you have enjoyed the half term break and are ready for some more learning. It has been fantastic to see some of your half term adventures on Tapestry and thank you for embracing our half term homework. The children have enjoyed sharing their autumn finds and it has been brilliant to hear them all speak so confidently about their outdoor exploits!

The children have enjoyed starting their new topic 'Let's Celebrate!' This is a fantastic topic where the children get to explore the celebrations that take place at this time of year. We have started the term with a BANG! as we have been learning about Bonfire Night! The children have been keen to share their personal experiences related to this celebration. We will continue to build upon this as we explore the celebrations of birthdays, Diwali and Christmas. Throughout the topic, we will be reading many topic related stories as well as introducing non-fiction texts. We will be considering the different ways that we celebrate events in our own families as well as in different cultures. We will begin to understand that we are all unique and recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.

The topic leads smoothly into the winter season which obviously means Christmas is just around the corner. The children will be learning the Christmas story and taking part in lots of end of term festivities. Given the restrictions that are currently in place, the lead up to Christmas will be quite different this year and so will our traditional Nativity performance. We hope to be able to give you more information about this shortly but rest assured we will be doing all that we can to ensure your child will get the full Reception Christmas experience!

This term, we will continue to introduce the children to reading through our phonics sessions as well as through the introduction of reading books with words. These will be linked to the sounds that we have already introduced and contain simple words that your child should be beginning to read independently. They will need to say the sounds in each word and attempt to blend them together. Please support your child through sharing these books daily as well as continuing to read a range of texts to them. We also ask that you revisit the sounds which have been taught and ask the children to show you the 'Caption Action' associated with each sound.

Remember to keep looking out for numbers in your environment. Numbers are everywhere! We are continuing to focus on the children developing a deep understanding of the numbers to 10 including starting to understand the composition of each number. This goes beyond counting and recognising numbers and requires the children to subitise, order, add 1 more or find one less as well as knowing different ways in which to make each number.

Thank you to everyone who has been logging onto Tapestry regularly and we hope that you are enjoying looking at all of the photographs of your child's time at school as well as finding our weekly update useful and informative. During these uncertain times, it is vital that you check Tapestry regularly, ideally once a week, to ensure that you are kept informed with all that we are learning in class as well as to view important updates and reminders. There are a small number of parents who have yet to log into Tapestry. If you are struggling to access your account, please let us know as soon as possible and we will do all we can to support you.

We will be starting to teach P.E sessions in the hall this term. These sessions will take place on Thursday each week.

Finally, we hope that the topic web will give you further information about the types of activities we plan to cover with the children, but if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to get in touch by emailing the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

Many thanks

Miss Clarke, Mrs Iliffe and Mrs Farmer



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