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| **Year 2 Topic: “Celebrations” Autumn Term II: Year 2020/2021**This half term, Year 2 will be learning through the topic “Celebrations”. Below is a summary of what your child will be covering in each subject, with suggested activities you could do to support the work done in school. |
| **English:**Our ideas for our writing will come from reading and talking about....* Descriptive writing about celebrations: Guy Fawkes, Diwali, Remembrance Sunday, Thanks giving, Hanukah and Christmas.
* Writing version of the stories, behind these celebrations, as though they were one of the characters.
* Writing letters.

Other aspects of English studied will include grammar and punctuation.* Using different/interesting sentence starters.
* Using conjunctions to extend sentences. (but, so, because, since,…etc.)
* Using adjectives.
* Correct use of full stops, capital letters and question marks.

**Parents please would you:*** Talk to your child about all sort of celebrations and the stories that lie behind them.
* Talk to your child about adjectives (describing words) and verbs (doing words).
 | **Maths:****Maths topics:*** Adding & subtracting mentally numbers up to 20.
* Adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers with the aid of a number line/hundred square.
* Place value
* Solving “real life” problems involving addition & subtraction.
* Doubling and halving.
* Telling the time.

**Parents please would you:*** Practise mental addition & subtraction to 20 using fingers if required.
* Support your children with Doodle Maths
* Look for the use of maths in everyday life, e.g., addition of minutes of time or money, counting stairs as you walk up them, etc.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/> | **Science:****Electricity**We will be investigating...* Which machines use electricity.
* How to make circuits.
* Testing to see if a material conducts electricity or not.
* The dangers of electricity.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj44jxs>(Although this is designed for slightly older children, most of these videos will be suitable for Y2 children.) | **Computing**We will continue to focus on pupils programming a toy called a Beebot.**Skills and Techniques*** Create instructs to program the Beebot, for example, draw a square or follow a prescribed path on a journey.
* Retrieve and save documents.

**Parents please would you:*** Please explain how many everyday machines/devices require simple programming, for example an automatic washing machine.
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| **History/Geography:**We will be finding out about;* How Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the houses of Parliament.
* Why we observe Remembrance Sunday with poppies.
* Significant events in the creation of a nation state. (The Pilgrim Fathers, Thanksgiving, USA)
* The Location of North America in relation to the UK.
* Christmas in other countries.

[**https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjkj382/articles/zjsqbdm**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjkj382/articles/zjsqbdm)<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/r-is-for-remembrance/zjypy9q><https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/34921324> | **R.E:****From Advent to Christmas;****Hinduism and Judaism** We will be learning about:* Prayer, scripture meaning and talking to God.
* How am I now going to act, given the scripture just read. (Lectio Devina).
* The Liturgical Year.
* Advent and its symbols.
* Comparing how Christians celebrate Christmas in other countries.
* Diwali in Hinduism
* Hanukah in Judaism

**Parents please would you:*** Encourage your children to pray and learn certain prayers by heart, for example; The Our Father and The Hail Mary.
* An easy to read children’s Bible at home (Christmas present?) would be very beneficial.
* Talk about the Liturgical year, for example Advent, with your child.
 | **Other:****PE**: Gymnastics; Stretching, Curling, Arching * PE is on Tuesdays. Please make sure that your child comes to school on Tuesday dressed in their PE kit.

**Art/Design:*** Creating pictures and models of what they have seen on journeys and journeys that they have read about.
* Art related to Christmas

**Music:*** Learning songs to sing for The Xmas Nativity
 | **Homework:*** Children have reading homework every night.
* Spelling words from the spelling sheet are normally tested on Fridays.
* Doodle Maths and English
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