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| **Year: Reception class (Butterflies) Topic: Celebrations around the world.. Autumn term B: 2020** |
| **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**We will be:* Helping our friends to learn how we use the classroom.
* Continuing to understand how our actions affect others and what we can do to change this.
* Continuing to listen to our friends and take turns.
* Sharing how we feel during carpet sessions.
* Continuing to look at the golden rules and why they are important.
* Learning to initiate conversations, attend to and take account of what others say.

**Parents please would you:*** Talk with your child about their day at school.
* Encourage your child to talk with friends and adults each day.
 | **Communication and Language**We will be:* Learning how to extend vocabulary, especially by grouping and naming, exploring the meaning and sounds of new words.
* Continuing to listen to others one to one or in small groups, when the conversation interests them.
* Listening to stories with increasing attention and recall.
* Using a range of tenses (e.g. *play, playing, will play, played*).

 • Using intonation, rhythm and phrasing to make the  meaning clear to others. • Using vocabulary focused on objects and people that are of particular importance to them**Parents please would you:*** Continue to talk to your child about school and what activities they have done.
* Encourage your child to listen and take part in conversations.
* Sing nursery rhymes together and other books with rhymes in.
 | **Religious Education: From Advent to Christmas.**We will be:* Learning the main events from the Christmas story.
* Learning that Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus.
* Learning about the gifts baby Jesus was given and why.
* Discussing the meaning of present sharing at Christmas.
* Talking about the important symbols that relate to the Christmas story.
* Learning songs to celebrate the birth of Jesus.
* Writing in our RE books.
* Visiting the church to look around.
* Launching our special charity Christmas appeal.

Discussing how we can help raise money for our appeal. **Parents please would you:**  * Discuss the meaning of Christmas for you and your child.
* Read the Christmas story together.
* Discuss with your child - why do we celebrate Christmas?
* Discuss with your child, why it is important to help others at Christmas time?
* Talk to your child about how you celebrated Christmas when you were a child.
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| **Literacy****We will be:*** Reading books to help us with celebrations around the world. The Christmas story, The Diwali story, celebrating Hanukkah and Kipper’s birthday.
* Looking at rhyming words and making rhyming lists.
* Learning the sound that corresponds with each letter.
* Thinking about how we write a sentence.
* Continuing to use a reading finger and picture clues to help us read.
* Continuing to learn our high frequency words each week.
* Handwriting each week.
* Using literacy books each day.

**Parents please would you:*** Listen to your child every day.
* Look at the high frequency word list that will be sent home during the term and practise reading and writing these words.
* Encourage your child to make up silly rhymes about everyday objects, people and items.
 | **Mathematics****We will be:*** Continuing to count and recognising numbers to 10 and beyond.
* Continuing to look at the names of flat and solid shapes and their properties.
* Talking about position and using positional words to describe where we are.
* Continuing to use maths books.
* Using familiar objects and common shapes to create and recreate patterns and build models.
* Showing an interest in numerals in the environment.
* Showing an interest in representing numbers.

**Parents please would you:** * Encourage your child to identify numbers around you – on the bus, on your door, in the supermarket etc.
* Play shape finding games to see what shapes we see around us every day.
 | **Understanding the world****We will be:*** Looking at how we celebrate special times of the year around the world.
* Celebrating Diwali, St Edmunds Day, Hanukkah, Birthdays, Advent, Christmas and other festivals.
* Looking at a variety of countries to learn the customs and the culture.
* Continuing to look at ourselves and how we can celebrate our differences and similarities through stories and conversations.
* Practising for our very first class assembly.
* Continuing to look at black people who have inspired us. E.g, Rosa parks, Dr Martin Luther King JR, Winifred Atwell, Marcus Rashford etc.

**Parents please will you**:* Continue to talk about how things are different or how they are the same.
* Look at a variety of countries online and discuss what is the same/ different. These are important conversations to have with your child, especially as children have so many questions about the world we live in.
* Talk about your cultures and special celebrations for your child to share with us.
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| **Expressive Arts and Design****We will be**:* Making birthday cards for our topic.
* Making invitations to celebrate Christmas with the caterpillar class.
* Making stockings, Christmas cards, angels, crackers, calendars, present boxes, playdough Christmas decorations, etc.

**Parents please would you:*** Talk about colours and how things feel.
* Visit you tube to listen to the stories we are reading in class.
* Look at a variety of cultural clothes and customs from around the world.
 | **Physical Development****We will be**:* Continuing P.E sessions and exploring a variety of different games using balls, beanbags, hoops and bats. We will also be designing circuits to complete.
* Talking about healthy food. What we like to eat and what is good for us.
* Using scissors and a range of tools to develop our fine motor skills.
* Working on different ways to move, e.g, fast/slow.

**Parents please would you:**Ensure your child wears the correct PE kit to school.  | **Useful links for some of the stories we will be reading**.<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhuKeFX9HpE> The Beginners Bible.<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Dc2jt31Mh8> The Diwali story.<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tws_uMAEOs> The Hanukkah story.<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2KmH-1zcGe8> The Owl babies. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bcGSGJHlYBw> Black is a rainbow colour. |