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Love, Laugh and
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Dear Parent and Carers

This half term our topic in Reception is 'Celebrations'



For this topic we will be exploring Diwali, bonfire night and fireworks, reflecting on our own birthday parties then completing our topic with our Christmas Story and Nativity show.

Literacy – We will continue to work through our phase 2 Little Wandle sounds and sending home the letter sheets weekly for you to see what we are learning. The children have now all begun Practice Reading Sessions, reading in groups and developing their skills in blending and segmenting. We will be reading the same book with them twice a week and on a Wednesday this book will be sent home for you to reading fluency. In writing we are writing words by hearing initial sounds, segmenting new words and practicing letter formations.

Mathematics – The children will explore 2D shapes and link this to repeating patterns. They will name, sort and discuss properties of their shapes. We will also explore the composition of numbers 1,2,3,4 & 5 counting, recognising, writing and building this into skills of calculating more and less. Subitising is a key element of maths which we will practice daily whereby the children will learn to recognise amounts of objects by sight such as dots on a dice to 5.

Physical Development – Indoor PE is every Monday, please ensure your child has their PE kit in school. Outdoor PE is on a Friday, your child can come to school in their outdoor PE kit.

Home learning – Thank you for all the Tapestry logs you have shared, we love to look at them and talk in class about them. Also thank you for your Autumn Treasure boxes, these have been wonderful to explore and use in our daily activities. This half term all we ask is that you engage in reading with your child using their phonics books sent home and to practice letter and number formations is also a great help too.

Thank you
Mrs Farrell
Early Years Staff

