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Love, Laugh and  
Learn.

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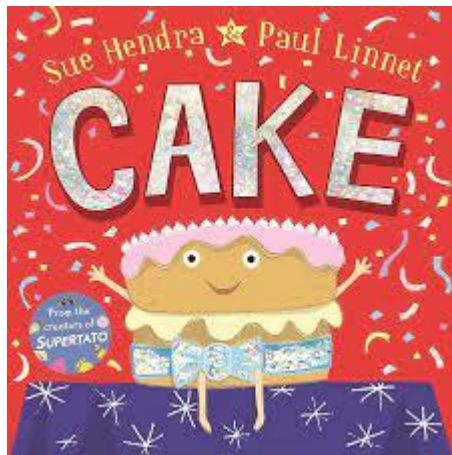
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Dear Parents and Carers

Our topic for this half term in Nursery is called 'Join the Celebrations'. To support your child's learning please send in celebration photographs for 'show and tell' on a Monday or a Friday, or upload to Tapestry for us to share during the week. These could include a wedding, christening, birthday or Christmas party.

Please continue to donate 30p tuck money per day (in cash, in an envelope or purse) and pay for hot dinners online. Please send back the balloon and cake pictures as soon as possible to be displayed in Nursery. Please record something that your child has learnt on the balloon, and something they want to learn this half term on the cake. We look forward to your child sharing these with the class.

In Literacy, we will be learning more nursery rhymes and developing our knowledge of phonics. Phonics pictures will be sent home each week to show you the sounds we have been learning. We are focusing on the story 'Cake' by Sue Hendra, and we are also reading non-fiction texts to find out more about different celebrations. We will of course, be reading lots of stories about Father Christmas!

In Mathematics we are developing touch counting skills, learning number rhymes and improving our number recognition ability. Later in the term we will practise this using our advent calendar in class. We will also be practising our positional vocabulary by finding and describing where our class is hiding in Nursery every day. We will also begin to learn how to subitise numbers, which is being able to recognise and know how many objects we can see in small sets up to 5 without having to count.



In Understanding of the World, we are learning about different celebrations and festivals, including Religious festivals such as Diwali and Hanukah. We will also continue to take part in our topic walks to understand more about seasonal change and learning to describe the weather. We will find out about Polar Regions in the world, finding them on a globe and a map, and learning about who and what lives in these areas.

In Religious Education, we are also looking forward to introducing the topic of Christmas and changing our role-play area into an exciting Christmas corner! Currently our role-play is being developed to become a party corner. We will be doing lots of art and craft activities and reading about the very first Christmas.

In Physical Education, we will continue our indoor Fizzy Tots PE lessons on Thursday mornings. Please send in socks for your child to wear with their PE kit if they come to school in tights.

Please also ensure that your child always has a warm coat and wellies, to enable them to explore their environment whatever the weather! Puddle suits for forest school are always welcome too.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – we would like the children to come to school wearing any kind of Christmas outfit e.g. a Christmas jumper, party clothes or any Christmas dressing-up you may have. Parents are invited to join us on this day 9-10am for some Christmas activities, so please feel free to wear your Christmas outfits too!

The date for our Christmas Party will be confirmed shortly and we will let you know closer to the time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

The Nursery Team

