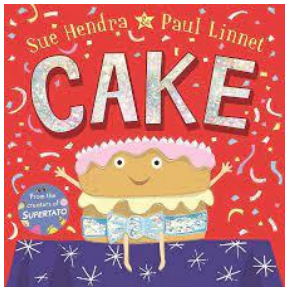
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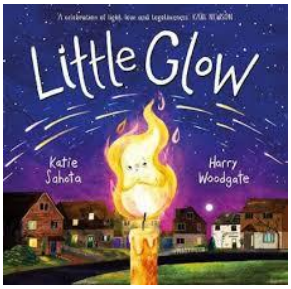
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Dear Parents and Carers

Our Topic for this half term in Nursery is called 'Join the Celebrations'.

In Literacy, we will be learning more nursery rhymes and developing our knowledge of phonics. We will be starting to follow the 'Little Wandle' phonics scheme. Phonics pictures will be sent home each week to show you the phoneme (sound) that we have been learning. Our main focus is learning to:

- recognise the picture cue for each phoneme
- to say the phoneme correctly (please see the pronunciation phrase and see the link below)
- to begin hearing these phonemes at the start of words (initial sounds) – please see the eye spy and Bertha the bus activities we will send home

Please follow the link below to access free resources on the Little Wandle parent's page. There are some great videos that demonstrate how to pronounce each phoneme. The sounds that we will be learning in Nursery are in the Phase 2 videos.

https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/

In Literacy we are focusing on the story 'Cake' by Sue Hendra, and 'Little Glow' by Katie Sahota. We are also reading non-fiction texts to find out more about different celebrations and we will of course, be reading lots of stories about 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 elf is hiding in Nursery every day. We will 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 3 and then 5, without having to count.

In RE and 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. We are looking forward to introducing the topic of Christmas. 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 P.E. lessons on Thursday mornings. Please ensure your child comes dressed in a white t-shirt, navy/ black joggers and a navy/black jumper/ hoodie. Remember, trainers aren't needed until the summer term, but if your child does choose trainers instead of school shoes, please no laces.

Reminders and dates for your diary:

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.

Please continue to donate 30p tuck money per day (in cash, in an envelope or purse) and pay for hot dinners online.

Thursday 10th December – Nursery Christmas café: Parents are invited to join us at 2.30pm for some Christmas activities (maximum of 2 please due to space). Further details to follow.

Monday 15th December – Christmas dinner day

Thursday 17th December - Christmas party, further details to follow

Friday 18th December – Christmas jumper day

Reminders for school applications for *September 2027*

You need to apply for September 2027 if your child's fifth birthday is between 1 September 2027 and 31 August 2028 for a place at a first, infant or primary school. The application system will open on 1 November 2026. Applications will close on 15th January 2027. You must still apply for a place, even if the school is linked to your child's current nursery. Parents receive their school place allocations on the 16th April 2027.

Thank you for your continued support, The Nursery Team