

# Reception- Autumn 2 - 2024



Dear Parents/ Carers,

**A very warm welcome to Autumn Term 2!**

Throughout this term in the Unicorn class, we are going to be exploring '*Traditions*'. This title falls under the theme heading, '*Culture and Diversity*', which is being explored uniquely across the School in all year groups. Throughout this term we will be looking at different traditions not only in our Country/Religion but also in other Countries too. This week, we will start with exploring why we have Bonfire and Carnival night as well as Remembrance Day. The children will be learning about the traditions and circumstances as to why we have these special celebrations in our country today. We will be exploring the Hindu tradition of Diwali as the term goes on learning about why and how it is celebrated across the world. We will be linking this section of our inquiry heavily to expressive art and design development by creating clay Diwali lamps amongst other exciting art projects.

In the second half of our term we will of course be getting in the Christmas spirit! The children will be learning about the tradition of Christmas and why we celebrate it here in England and across the world. I have carefully selected 2 beautiful Christmas stories to explore together which will support all areas of learning in the Unicorn class. The children will be holding a special Christmas fundraising Event for a chosen charity which the children will help choose nearer the time.

As you know, we have now completed Phase 2 of our phonics programme last term. This week and thorough out this term we will be working through phase 3 which introduces 12 new common exception words and 28 phonemes. These phonemes (sounds) will be introduced one at a time (4 a week). I will be updating the children phonics books so please do keep an eye for the highlighted sounds which indicate which ones we have learnt. Please do continue to read regularly with your child at home, repetition is so very important. We will soon be giving out reading badges for children who have read a certain amount of times at home which is very exciting!

## **Autumn 2 Lines of Inquiry:**

- How can we understand and celebrate different views, religions and traditions? (Resources)
- What traditions connect us? (Consequences)
- What does it mean to be responsible? (Values)

We cannot wait to have a lot of fun this term in the Unicorn Class with everything we have planned including our Christmas Nativity! The Unicorn Team – Mrs Gratton, Mr Scriven and Mrs Bridgeman.

## **Dates & Information**

- **EYFS and KS1 Christmas Nativity** – 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December. @2pm (Information to follow shortly)
- **Parent Consultation Week** - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November. Information to follow shortly.
- **School Photos** - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November
- **Pantomime Visit Weston-Super-Mare Playhouse** – 13<sup>th</sup> December (Whole school)
- **Reception Fundraiser Fun Afternoon (Family invited)**– Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. More information to follow shortly.