**Welcome back Sycamore Class! I hope you have had a wonderful break and are ready for another exciting term. 😊 This term we will be learning about different celebrations from around the world, including bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas. We will be participating in PE sessions weekly, so please ensure that your PE kit is in school every day as it will be needed.**

# Celebrations



### Literacy Development

This term we will be continuing to learn our single letter phonics sounds and begin to learn our 'special friends' (two letters that make one sound e.g. sh). We will be using these more often to write simple words to match pictures and continue to develop our amazing letter formation. Towards the end of the term we will be having a go at using our phonics sounds to write more frequently and for purpose e.g. writing invitations to parties and writing lists.

### Mathematics Development

In Maths lessons the children will be revising numbers 0-10 and matching these numerals to amounts. We will continue to learn lots of different counting songs and link these to our learning. We will be using mathematical vocabulary (one more and one less) to compare numbers. Towards the end of the term we will begin looking at numbers 11-20 and their values.

### Expressive Arts & Design

This term we have an exciting term planned for developing our understanding of expressive arts and design. We will be creating firework pictures, making fireworks in a jar, using clay to make candle holders and lots more exciting activities linked to different celebrations.

Towards the end of the term, we will begin to look at Christmas and we will be making some exciting surprises to bring home to share with you.

### Physical Development

This term the children will be continuing with our weekly PE sessions. Here we will learn about how to use the PE equipment, how to warm up our bodies and why we cool down after exercise. These sessions are likely to take place outside so please ensure that your children have appropriate clothing.
We will also continue to develop our fine motor skills through using a range of tools to complete creative and exciting activities.

### Understanding of the world

During this topic we will be focusing on the different celebrations that people celebrate around the world. We will have a go at creating different pieces of artwork to represent different festivals/celebrations and will talk about why they are important. We will also be learning about the beliefs of different religions and compare these to each other.

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This term we will continue getting to know each other and developing our understanding about the expectations at school. We will continue to build relationships with each other and begin to work as a team to solve problems and complete activities. The children will continue joining the rest of the school for superstar assemblies, joining our wider community.

### Communication & Language Development

This term we will continue to dedicate time to support your children with their listening, attention and speaking skills in the classroom. The children will also talk to each other to help solve problems, organise thinking and complete activities. The children will continue explaining how things work and why they might happen - linked to experiments and creative activities.

**Many thanks. Sycamore Class Team ☺**