



## Buds Class

### Autumn Term 2 2018

Our topic this term is Celebrations. Over the next few weeks, we will be covering a range of celebrations from Firework Night to birthdays, Hanukah and Christmas. The children will be finding out about the different ways to celebrate these occasions.

#### **Maths**

Over the term we will be focusing on measuring length and height, 3D shapes, money and days of the week. We will also continue with a number of the week as well as counting and recognising numbers to 10.

#### **English**

Over the next few weeks we will be reading several books linked to celebrations as a basis for the children's learning. We will also be focussing on a lovely book called 'Halibut Jackson' and thinking about the weather, outfits for different occasions and how different characters in a story may feel. Please encourage your child to bring in any books about fireworks, Remembrance Day, hibernation, advent, winter and Christmas in that they enjoy reading. Library day will continue to be on a Tuesday. We will continue with our daily phonics lessons and enjoy learning new words with the children.

#### **Physical Development**

At the start of every day we will be practising fine motor skills by tracing over letters and patterns, manipulating play-dough, using tweezers to pick up different sized objects and threading strings through small holes and objects. We will regularly be making use of the bikes and trikes outside, as well as the trim trail and our lovely outdoor space. The children will be practising jumping, hopping, stretching and copying movements as well as throwing and catching and taking part in WriteDance.

#### **Expressive arts and crafts**

The children will have opportunities to create different types of art using all sorts of material. We will be making poppies as we learn about Remembrance Day and Christmas crafts leading up to the end of term. We will also begin practising for our nativity. Beware, you will end up singing the songs as well!!

#### **Achievement Tree**

In Buds Classroom we have an 'Achievement Tree'. Please ask if you would like any new leaves to write your child's achievements on. We love contributions from home and share them with the whole class so that your child is celebrated with their friends. Please write the achievement on the leaf, remembering to put your child's name and the date. Send the leaf into school so that it can be hung on the tree.

#### **Parent contribution**

Thank you for looking at Tapestry and for contributing some of your child's learning at home. It is lovely to see what the children are practising and learning at home with you.

Please help your child to practise putting on their coat and getting changed for school in preparation for PE. Your child will need a PE kit in school on a Wednesday and Thursday.

A reminder that every child needs a named water bottle and coat in school every day. If you haven't already, please send your child with a named hat and a pair of gloves that can be left in school as the weather becomes chillier.

### **Christmas**

We will be joining the rest of the school for the Christmas Tree dressing on 4<sup>th</sup> December at 9am and Christmas Carol Service at the church on 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am. The Nativity play will be on 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm and 11<sup>th</sup> December at 3:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Stevens, Mrs Saheed and Miss Pullen