

Key Vocabulary:

Celebrations	Festival	Traditions
Christmas	Lights	Gifts
Diwali	Fireworks	Decorations
Bonfire	Hindu, Sikhs, Christians	Culture
Special	Rangoli	Around the world

We are proud of how well the children have settled into Reception. We can already see huge progress. We hope the children enjoyed the half term break and had some well-earned rest. We are looking forward to a busy and happy term after the holidays. We have put together some useful information for the forthcoming term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask one of the Reception team.

Tricky Words/Maths Challenges

The children can work through the Tricky Words and Maths Challenges at their own pace. Please just pop them in the tray in the morning when you want them to be changed. A certificate will be gained once they have completed all the sets/challenges.

Reading Books

We are continuing to introduce new letter sounds and ask you to keep up the good work practising them at home and applying them when sharing their reading book or library books – the children are making fantastic progress!

Library books will be changed on **Fridays** so please make sure book bags are in school on this day as we cannot send a new book without the old one being returned.

Please remember to make a short comment in your child's reading journal once they have read their book or practised their tricky words. It all counts towards gaining their star reader sticker and lets us know how your child is progressing with reading at home.



Celebrate!



Our topic this term will be 'Celebrate'. We will talk about times of 'Celebration' including Birthdays, Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas. Each week we will centre our learning around a book of the week. These will be *Meg and Mog*, the story of Bonfire night, *The Gingerbread Man* and *Dear Santa*. We will be looking at the different ways people celebrate Christmas around the world.

Wow Moments

These are an opportunity to share your children's achievements at home with your child's class teacher that we might otherwise not hear about. For example, if your child receives a swimming badge or learns to ride their bike, this could be shared with school. These contribute to your child's 'learning journey' that is kept at school.

Please add these pictures or written message to Evidence Me

Important Dates:

10.11.21-Light up Night- 4:30-5:30

19.11.21-Children in Need Day-
More details to follow

6.11.21 Dear Santa Trip

9.12.21-50 Things Event – straight
after school

14.12.21 – Christmas Afternoon
2:00- 3:20

Christmas around the world

During the last two weeks of term (6th /13th) we are learning about how different countries/families celebrate Christmas. If you have a special family tradition that you would like to share, please get in touch. You can send in pictures through Evidence Me or write down your traditions and send them to our email address reception@saltaireps.co.uk. If you want to talk to the children directly about your traditions, this can be organised too.

Junk Modelling

Please save old boxes e.g. toothpaste, kitchen rolls, yogurt pots, bottle tops or lids, etc and give them to your child's class teacher for small and large junk modelling.



Clothing

Please can you make sure that **all** items of clothing, coats, hats, scarfs, gloves etc. are clearly named. Lost items can be found and returned so much easier when the name is clearly visible.