



Welcome to Little Owls!

This term our topic is Celebrations. We are going to be learning about how people celebrate Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Birthdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Hanukkah. We will talk about how we celebrate, and what we can learn from these festivals.

**In Literacy**, we will be doing lots of different types of mark making activities, exploring how we can use different tools to make marks on paper.

**In Maths**, we will be practising saying number names in sequence, and developing our skills of being able to select a small number of objects from a group.

**In Physical Development**, we will be exploring how we can move our body in different ways, including to music.

#### At home you can.....

- ❖ Talk about some of the events you celebrate as a family – what do your celebrations include?
- ❖ Practise being independent with some things like putting on your own shoes, coat, hat and helping with getting dressed.
- ❖ Talk about our pre-school values of Respect and Nurture and how you can show these values at home.
- ❖ Practise saying number names in order.
- ❖ Share stories and books, can I turn the pages correctly? Can I talk about the pictures?

Please do continue to upload any pictures or videos to Blossom of any activities your child does at home. We love to see what the children have been up to at home and enjoy sharing these in class.

**In Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we are going to learn about some of our Pathfinder Pre-School values, and how we can uphold these values at pre-school.

**In Communication and Language Development**, we are going to be exploring different action words. We will practise identifying an action, by labelling a picture or saying what someone else is doing, and by following an instruction to perform an action.

**In Understanding the World**, we are going to be talking about how different people celebrate different events and what might be the same, similar or different between different families.

**In Expressive Arts and Design**, exploring different ways we can make marks to create a piece of artwork. We will be exploring different ways we can move to music and make music of our own using different instruments.

#### Key dates

Last day of term for term time children – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Last day of term for 44 weeks children – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Last day of term for 50 week children – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022

Spring term starts – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023

#### Reminders

If your child is not attending pre-school, please make sure you contact the School Office, either by phone 01954 584801 or by email [pre-school@pathfinder.org.uk](mailto:pre-school@pathfinder.org.uk)

Please make sure you are ordering your child's lunch on Select in advance. You can order up to 8.30am on the day and are able to order up to a half term in advance.