Saplings Term 2 Curriculum Overview

Dear Parents and Carers,
Please have a look at the Pre-School's curriculum for the coming term.
Our focus will be
"WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO CELEBRATE?"

Key Vocabulary
position, in, on
under, behind, shape,
count, one, two, three
order. how many?
explain, family unique,
special, Diwali, festival,
lights, celebration,
temple, church, lights,
Christmas, Nativity,
bonfire, fireworks,

This term we will continue to explore the environment while accessing our 'Root Learning' opportunities both inside and outside.
Here are some of the learning activities we will be doing to support the different areas of the Early Year's curriculum.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:
We will be continuing our whole school PSHE JIGSAW learning. Our theme this term will be 'Celebrating Difference'. This will incorporate looking at the question: 'Who am I and how do I fit?' We will look at our families, homes and friends and think about what makes us special and unique.

Communication and Language:
We will be learning how to be confident to talk in small groups. We will also learn how to talk in small circle times while demonstrating our 'good listening', 'good sitting' and 'good talking 'skills.

Physical Development:
We will be accessing both fine motor and gross motor activities. These will include early cutting skills, threading, puzzles and using malleable resources. We will also use various equipment outside, such as large balls and balance bikes.

Literacy:
We will continue Phase 1 phonics, which will include learning to listen and distinguish different environmental sounds. We will also begin to listen to how words are segmented and have a go at doing this ourselves. We will also be exploring the books: 'Binny's Diwali', 'Little Glow', 'People need People', 'Kipper's birthday' and 'Little Spruce'.

Mathematics:
In Maths we will be learning to order and count numbers 1, 2 and 3. We will also be learning to continue repeated patterns and to explore shapes and position.

Expressive Arts and Design:
We will experiment with creating Rangoli patterns, Diva pots, Christmas decorations, cards and music. We will be exploring nursery rhymes linked to our learning. We will also learn a selection of seasonal songs to perform to you all at the end of term.

Understanding the World:
We will be talking about how people celebrate different festivals, such as Diwali and Christmas. We will also learn about what might happen at 'Bonfire Night' and during people's birthday celebrations. We will think about how the weather and season has changed.

Date to Note:
This term we will have our first Parent Share.
This will be on the theme of 'Seasonal arts and crafts'. Look out for more information about this soon.