

Horse Chestnut Class Newsletter

November 2017

Welcome to Horse Chestnut Class!

Welcome back to a busy and festive filled half term! The children have been discussing our topic - *Celebrate* and how we celebrate in similar and different ways to one another. To finish the end of the year we have preparations for the Christmas play and festivities including Christingle. Please keep an eye out for further details including help with learning songs, reciting lines and information about costumes towards December! The Christmas production will be taking place on Thursday 14th 11am and Friday 15th 9.30am December.

Our school topic for this half term is: Celebrate!
Our enquiry question is: Do I celebrate in the same way as you?

English

We will be getting creative with our language in learning to read, write and perform our own sense poems based on Fireworks! Afterwards, we will be learning about Guy Fawkes to write a recount of his life. In the last weeks of term we will be reading Aladdin to create character descriptions using adjectives and different sentences types.

English in Sycamore Class

We will be using adjectives to describe characters from Aladdin. We will also be writing three wishes. We will study the poem The Magic Box by Kit Wright.

Maths

We Love Maths! We will be learning about the four calculations of addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. We will be finding different strategies when using and applying calculation to work out number problems.

Maths in Sycamore Class

We will continue to secure our knowledge of counting forwards and backwards and of place value.

We will also begin to work on addition and subtraction and using fluency, problem solving and reasoning to embed our knowledge.

Learning Across the Curriculum

Celebrations – what do you celebrate?

We have been learning about significant people in the past by focusing on Guy Fawkes and Gunpowder plot. Why do we celebrate Bonfire Night and what would have happened if Guy Fawkes succeeded? We will also be learning about celebrations in different cultures by making Diva pots used in the Hindu festival of Diwali and making some sweet Indian treats during food technology. To complete our cultural experience, we will be listening exhilarating music, dressing up in colourful costumes and taking part in an energetic Bollywood and Bhangra dance workshop!

Reminders

As the colder weather sets in, please ensure all coats, hats, scarves are NAMED. Unnamed items can be found in the red lost property box located in the front foyer.

Look out for new spelling packs to be handed out soon!

How to Support at Home

Thank you for coming along to our first parent teacher meetings which hopefully proved useful for all involved. Please keep focusing on your child's targets this half term whilst we are working hard to meet these at school. If you have any queries please see Mrs To after school.

Class Dates

Horse Chestnut Y2 assembly: Friday 17th November 9am.

Year 2: Horse Chestnut Christmas Cafe Wed 29th November 9-10

Year 1: Sycamore Christmas Café Mon 4th December 9-10

Sharing afternoon: Thurs 7th December 2.45

Jaya Dance!

On Thursday 9th November Tina from Jaya Dance visited our school. She taught us a Bollywood dance routine involving a sequence of different hand and body movements. The children got to dress up in special dresses, sashes and waistcoats. We had a fabulous time!

I liked dressing up.

Namaste means hello.



Bollywood dancing involves moving your whole body.

Anyone can wear a bindi with the pointy side up.

The lady told us funny rhymes to remember the dance moves.

“Get your soap, wash your face.”