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Welcome back! I hope you have all had a great half term holiday and are looking forward to the countdown to Christmas although it might be a little different this year! This half term, as well as the activities planned from the children's own learning and interests our theme will be...

Let's Celebrate



We will base our work on a range of books including Leaf Man (Lois Ehlert), The Jolly Christmas Postman (Janet and Allan Ahlberg), Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas Present (John Burningham) and A Christmas Story (Brian Wildsmith).

In Reception activities are of a cross-curricular nature. This half term's activities will include... Watching the seasons change. Thinking about how we celebrate different occasions including religious festivals. We will be finding out about Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas. Making a Christmas card and learning lots of Christmas songs.



In Reception the children will continue to have a daily phonics session practicing all single letter sounds and blends (using Jolly Phonics) and how to blend and segment words. Children will be given lots of opportunities to take part in early reading and writing activities.

We will have a daily counting activity. We will be counting to 20 and play number recognition and counting games so that children can recognise all numbers to 20 out of context. We will be adding and subtracting in practical situations, exploring the properties of circles, triangles, rectangles and squares and exploring the concept of time.

At home... Please talk to your children about how you celebrate different special occasions as a family. Continue to practice all the sounds we are learning and once your child has a reading book please spend a few minutes each day sharing their reading book. Book change day is on a Monday. We look forward to working with you and your child in the coming months. If you have any queries please do email the office at admin3587@welearn365.com and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

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