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Coming up after half term...3/11/2025

What a fantastic start we have had to the year. The children have been busy learning, making friends and settling into their new routine. We hope you have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for the new half term.

Thank you for everyone who attended the phonics and reading workshop. If you were unable to make it the slides will be sent out but here is the link to the parent section of the Little Wandle Phonics resources:

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents>

*As we head into the half-term break, we'd like to wish a very **Happy Diwali** to all families who are celebrating!*

We would love to see and share any special moments from your Diwali celebrations. If you'd like to send in photos, please email them to the class email address.

Learning in school:

Theme for the Term: Fabulous Festivals!

Celebrations! Everyone enjoys a celebration and there are so many across a year. This half term we'll be learning all about different celebrations, big and small. From Bonfire Night and Diwali to birthdays and Christmas, we'll explore what people celebrate, why it's special, and how they mark the occasion.

Theme for the week: Fireworks & Safety

This week we're kicking off our celebrations topic by learning all about Bonfire Night. We'll talk about why we celebrate it, what fireworks are, and, most importantly, how

to stay safe around them. The children will explore the sights and sounds of fireworks through stories, poems and creative activities.

Phonics:

This week, we will be learning the digraphs ff, ll, ss, and the new sound j. Our tricky words are put, pull, full, as and recapping is, the and I.

Maths:

This week we are learning the numbers 1,2 and 3. We are focussing on recognising the numbers, representing the numbers with objects and writing each number. We will learn this through number hunts, exploring number lines and representing the number through actions.

Additional notes and reminders

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Please note that as the week progresses it is sometimes necessary to change what is planned to meet the learning needs of the children and therefore changes to the above may occur.