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Coming up after half term…9/11/2026

Are you and your family celebrating Diwali this year? We'd love to make our learning even more special by bringing in your experiences. If you'd be happy to send in a few photos of your celebrations, or even better, come into the classroom to chat with the kids about the festival, please email your class teacher.

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: Diwali** This week we're diving into Diwali! We'll be looking at festive objects, sharing photos, and reading the story of Rama and Sita so the children get a real feel for how the festival is celebrated. Alongside that, we're talking a lot about kindness, what it means, how we can show it to each other every day, and looking at the work of the charity Child in Need.
Phonics:
This week, we will be learning the sounds v, x, w, y. Our tricky words are 'and, his, has, her' and we are recapping 'the, put, pull, full'.
Maths:
This week, we will continue exploring how numbers work together, using games and practical activities to discover that 5 and 5 make 10 altogether. We'll be building confidence with counting and number facts through lots of fun, hands-on learning.

We will also be comparing groups of objects, learning to spot which groups have more, fewer or the same number. Through games, stories and matching activities, the children will develop their understanding of comparing quantities and recognising equal groups.

Additional notes and reminders
Please note that from next week the children will have a tricky word bookmark stapled into their yellow reading record. These are words for your child to practise and learn off by heart. Please could you help them run through these at home when you have a moment.
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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.