

## Maths

- Counting accurately
- Matching amounts and numerals
- Open investigations that allow children to develop and apply their number skills
- Using the language of more/fewer etc.
- Adding and subtracting two small numbers
- Weighing and comparing Christmas presents to help Father Christmas
- 2 and 3d shapes linked to building activities and fireworks

## Physical Development

- Experimenting with different ways of moving
- Joining in with dancing, drama and ring games linked to our story.
- Exploring moving rhythmically in response to music

## Literacy

- Writing experiences around Diwali, bonfire night and our story.
- Sharing books as a group
- Helping Father Christmas label presents
- Exploring our class story through drama, dance, art and music.
- Thinking critically - Philosophy for children

## Expressive Arts and Design

- Mixed media firework pictures
- Rangoli patterns and Diya lamps
- Creating a collaborative giant collaged river
- Christmas cards and tree ornaments
- Explore instruments—loud/soft; fast/slow sounds
- Christmas songs

## Communication and Language

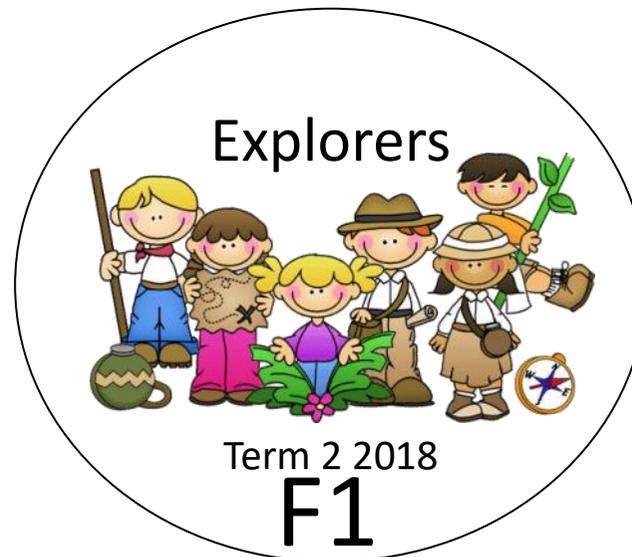
- Talking about firework safety
- Learning and joining in with Mr Gumpy's story
- Learning and joining in with our Nativity story
- Interviewing different characters from Mr Gumpy's story

## Understanding of the World and IT

- Using the internet safely
- Exploring position and coding through Beebots
- Gain increasing control over using a mouse
- Looking at how animals and ourselves grow and change over time
- Exploring changes in materials such as ice
- Carrying out Christmas investigations (for example, how can we make a parachute for Father Christmas?)

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Safety around bonfires and fireworks
- Learning to work together and solve problems
- Celebrating that we are all different
- Exploring what is important when we give and receive gifts



## Religious Education

- Actively exploring the Christmas story through our nativity, song and dance
- Looking at how Hindu's celebrate Diwali and learning the story of Rama and Sita

# Foundation 1 Newsletter November 2018

Welcome to the second Foundation Stage newsletter of the year.

We have had a fantastic start to the academic year and have thoroughly enjoyed our Three Little Pigs topic.

## Explorers

This term our topic is 'Explorers'. We are taking the lead from the children with this topic; we have asked them what they want to learn about and will be exploring different themes. This is a good topic for term two because it builds on the children's interests, and now they are settled in school, helping build their confidence. We will also be taking a pretend journey along the river as we join Mr Gumpy on his adventure.

## Parent Readers - We Need Your Help!

We are still in need of parents who could offer a little time each week to come in and hear children read. This can be on **any** afternoon of the week. Please let us know if you can help. We really rely on your support to ensure children are heard read as

## F1 Nativity Play

We would like to invite you to watch the F1 children performing a retelling of the Christmas story on Thursday 13th December at 1.45pm. A letter regarding this will come out to you shortly. Just to reassure you there will be no need for you to provide a costume for this event as we have them all in school.

## Dressed for the Occasion

The children will still be encouraged to play and learn outdoors over the colder months. They will enjoy their time outside much more if they are dressed warmly. As the weather gets colder, it is **essential** your child has a warm hat and coat to wear outside (named please). Thank you for your help with this.

## Maths and Wow moments

We are thrilled with the response we have had from parents for the Maths Tool Kit and Wow Moments. Thank you so much for this. It is lovely to hear how the children are taking their learning home, practising their skills and having fun!

## Tapestry

We are really pleased that parents have now let us know they are able to access Tapestry. Thank you to those parents who have made contributions of their own. It has been lovely to see what the children are doing at home. If you have any problems logging on, please let us know. Please keep the contributions coming!

## Children in Need

We will be holding a Pudsey Party on Thursday 15th November  
Separate letter to follow.



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