



After the holidays we will identify items that have a 's' sound at the beginning. We call this the initial sound. Please encourage your child to bring something in to nursery on Monday for our S display, e.g. sausage, snake, sock etc. Although sugar and shoe have an s at the beginning, it makes a different sound to the initial sound at the beginning of sock and snake.

Our number of the week is going to be 1. We will learn a rhyme to help us remember the number. Start at the top and down we run that's the way we make a 1. We will use our gross motor skills to learn how to make the number. We call this digit dance!

After the holidays our topic is going to be celebrations. The children will take part in activities to celebrate Halloween, birthdays and Christmas. They will learn to mix colours using the 'dip, dab, dob, mix process. Polly our nursery puppet will be introduced to the children. The children will help to organise a party for Polly's birthday. We will talk about birthdays, how we celebrate birthdays and how we could celebrate Polly's birthday. The home corner will be set up as a birthday party, the children will write invitations, make a birthday card for Polly, wrap presents, make decorations, choose party games and write a party food list.

Nearer to Christmas the children will learn new songs, make and decorate a Christmas cake and perform a nativity play for family members to come and watch (details will follow). We will need small tins to bake our Christmas cakes in. We would be very grateful if you could start collecting empty tuna tins for us. There is one displayed in the cloakroom for you to look at.

Please remember that you can add your own observations and photos to your child's learning journey. Glue, scissors and pens can be found on the window ledge in the book room and pink home observation sheets can be found in the cloakroom area. Please place your home observations and photographs in the back of your child's Learning Journey.

Over the holidays we ask that you support your child to collect some autumn treasures and place them in the small brown bag that they bring home today. We are going to use the filled bags for a speaking and listening activity. Please return the bag on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

What a busy week we have had!

The children have learnt lots of facts about Diwali (the festival of lights). They have used their fine motor skills to sprinkle coloured sand on their rangoli patterns and listened to the story about Rama and Sita. They manipulated the playdough in to diwa lamps and designed their own mendhi patterns. Making a sweet called barfi was great fun, however some children needed lots of encouragement to taste it and the Indian food.

Thank you again for all your support this half term. Nursery closes today for the half term holiday. We reopen on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Happy half term from Mrs Windsor and Mrs Hough