Year R Curriculum Newsletter
Fantastic Festivals

Understanding the World
Next half term we are excited to be learning all about the festivals of **Diwali** and **Christmas**.

Reading
In our reading sessions the children will be using the pictures to help them answer questions and follow the print from left to right. In phonics, children will continue to practise recognising the Phase 2 graphemes to segment and blend CVC words and read a few tricky words.

Writing
In writing, children will be learning to mark make recognisable letters of their name and begin to write their name legibly and independently.
They will continue to develop a pincer grip and write some other letters that have been taught.

Weather
As the weather gets colder please ensure children come to school in a warm coat. Please ensure any hats, scarves and gloves are named.

Maths
In maths the children will be developing their understanding of numbers 1–5 through practical activities. They will explore subitising and recognising quantities without counting, as well as representing numbers in different ways. They will investigate 1 more and 1 less and explore the different ways numbers can be composed and represented. Children will continue to develop their counting skills and use mathematical language to explain their thinking. They will also explore circles and triangles, noticing their properties and finding these shapes in the environment, as well as developing their understanding of positional language.

Communication and Language
During our story times the children will be learning to join in with repeated phrases as well as learning a wealth of new vocabulary throughout the day.
We are going to be learning to ask questions and participate more in class discussions.

Physical Development
In our PE lessons we are learning to jump with two feet together and climb equipment safely. As we start to mark make more, the children will be practising their pincer grip using the phrase 'nip, flip and grip' and developing their core muscles to help them with writing. Children will also continue to dress and undress themselves for PE.



Past and Present
This half term the children are going to be learning all about people who help us in their own families and the wider community.
If you know anyone who could come in to talk to the children please let a member of the Year R Team know.

Physical, Social and Emotional Development
Children will start to form positive attachments to the wider key adults in school (lunch supervisor, office) and a small group of friends. They will continue to share play objects with a group of friends and take turns cooperatively. We will also be learning more about out Learning and Christian Values which are celebrated in Celebration Worship every week and helping the children to understand their emotions and say how they may be feeling.

Expressive Arts and Design
The children are going to be learning to mix primary colours to make secondary ones. As well as exploring different ways to join materials for example using a treasury tag.

