St Mary & St Thomas – Reception – Homework

Autumn 2 – How Do We Celebrate?

Our topic this half term is How Do We Celebrate?

Please see below for our home learning activities for this half term. Please choose an activity to do each week with your child. You do not have to complete them all in one go.
Where appropriate, please complete the activity in the homework book with pictures, captions, or you can email us pictures you have taken.
Homework books will be checked on a Friday each week.
Please read with your child EVERYDAY – it is the most important thing you can do to support their future development (sounds, Fred games and reading to them).

Communication and Language

Talk about how your family celebrates special times – birthdays, Bonfire Night, Diwali, Hanukkah, Christmas or any celebration you share.

What do you do? What do you eat? Who do you see?

Encourage your child to talk about the past: 'We went…', 'We had…'.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

Talk about fire safety at home: if there is a fire – get out, stay out, call 999.

Find the smoke alarm in your house and press the test button together.

Talk about how to stay safe around fireworks and sparklers on Bonfire Night.

Literacy

Write a Christmas card or a wish list together. Your child can draw pictures and have a go at writing the first sound of words (e.g. 'b' for bike).

Practise writing their name inside the card.

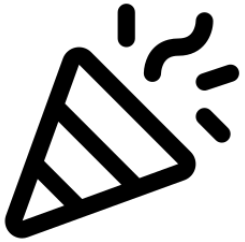
Practise talking like Fred at home – c a t – cat!

Maths

Count the candles, lights or decorations around your home. Can your child show the number on their fingers?

Make a pattern with decorations, e.g. red, gold, red, gold.

Challenge: How many if we add one more?



Understanding the World

Go on a light hunt around your house. Which things give out light?

With a grown-up, turn off the lights and use a torch to make shadows on the wall. Can you make a shadow animal with your hands?

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Go on a winter walk. What signs of winter can you spot? Frost, bare trees, puddles, your breath in the cold air!

Challenge: make a simple bird feeder to help the birds in winter.

You can send photos to smt.reception@threesaints.org.uk so we can share them in class.

Expressive Arts and Design

Make a decoration for a festival of light – a diva lamp from playdough or clay, a paper lantern or a star.

Use any materials you have at home!

Physical Development

Practise putting on your own coat, hat and gloves, and doing up your zip. Can you do it all by yourself?

Have a winter dance: move fast like fireworks and slowly like falling snow!