

Special Times

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new half term. Over the next few weeks, Bear Class will be thinking about special times in their own lives and about special times that different cultures celebrate around the world. We will be sharing our own experiences with each other and learning to ask questions and respond to each other's ideas. Children will have the opportunity to think about times when they have celebrated something and use role-play and mark making to record these occasions. We will also be using different stories, information books and websites to find out about special times around the world, looking for similarities and differences between the events and celebrations. We will be using various resources to create objects to help us celebrate and remember special times, particularly thinking about colours, texture and different types of materials. We will also be learning songs and using music to express ourselves.

In the context of our topic, children will start to explore addition and subtraction and will apply these calculating skills to help with problem solving and simple investigations. We will also learn about 3D shapes and where we can find these in the environment, learning shape names and talking about their properties.

After a great start to our phonics learning last half term, the children will have a chance to consolidate the sounds they have already seen, before continuing on our phonics journey and learning new graphemes. We will be using our known sounds to read simple words and captions and we will begin to work more on letter formation; continuing with Write Dance sessions to build up our strength and flexibility as well as using different resources such as sand, ribbons and whiteboards to practise our handwriting.

The term will of course end with Christmas and although we will not be able to perform our usual Nativity with Darwin Class, we will be working on something special to share with you to celebrate this event!

If you have any questions about your child's learning this half term, or would like to chat about anything, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Miss Knights and Mrs Trevellyan