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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Nursery, going into Autumn 2! We are excited to start our new topic with the class! We value the support that you give at home and cannot wait to continue to watch your child grow. Our topic this term is 'What are we celebrating?' We have many exciting things planned for the year ahead. Below are some of the things we are learning this half-term.

Literacy	Maths
Key Texts:	Number:
The story of Diwali by Katie Daynes	• Recite numbers to 5.
Happy Birthday Jamila by Niki Daly	<ul><li>Show fingers up to 5.</li><li>Begin mathematical mark making</li></ul>
The Crayon's Christmas by Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers	Numerical Patterns:
Sammy Spider's First Hanukkah by Sylvia Ross	<ul> <li>Notice things that are the same and those that are different</li> </ul>
Father Christmas Needs a Wee by Nicholas Allan.	<ul> <li>Creating our own patterns</li> <li>Noticing numerals which are same as their age, house number, phone</li> </ul>
Writing:	number.
Giving meaning to range of marks and being able to use different kinds of marks including drawing/ painting. This will all be linked to the different celebrations we will be learning about.	We will be singing lots of number songs and looking at numbers in and around the setting.
Reading & Comprehension:	
Engage in conversations about story. Joining in and sometimes filling in missing words from familiar rhymes/ songs. We will be learning to read own name label, signs and logos.	

Communication & Language	Personal, Social & Emotional Development
<ul> <li>Listening, Attention &amp; Understanding:</li> <li>Speaking:         <ul> <li>Use simple sentences and phrases</li> <li>Retell simple events from stories and own experiences linked to celebrations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To share what they celebrate at home and why these events are important to them</li> <li>Share different celebrations with their peers and adults and understand differences and similarities</li> </ul>
Physical Development	Understanding the World
<ul> <li><u>Gross Motor Skills:</u> <ul> <li>Manoeuver the scooters, trikes and bikes</li> <li>Use large arm/ shoulder movements for throwing and painting.</li> </ul> </li> <li><u>Fine motor Skills:</u> <ul> <li>Use simple one handed tools - glue sticks, brushes, and show preference for a dominant hand.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Explore natural objects, plants, creatures and materials in the environment.</li> <li>Talk about things they have seen and explored such as plants, animals, natural objects and materials.</li> </ul>
Expressive Arts & Design	Additional Information
<ul> <li>Explore colour, textures and construction using range of materials to create final pieces linked to celebrations we are learning about.</li> <li>Use materials, tools and techniques to express own ideas.</li> <li>Become involved in pretend play using pretend objects including in our home corner which will be themed with different celebration resources, a post office and outdoor stage and role play area.</li> </ul>	Nursery class will visit the library at school each week and select a book to take home and share with family. Please return this in their school bag so that they can select a new one. We will also be starting a Speech & Language Lending Library, please ensure all books and resources are returned to school each week so you can choose a new pack with your child to enjoy together!

Please don't hesitate to e-mail me on red@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Parsons

**Red Class Teacher** 









