

## Reception Newsletter – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Hello Children and Parents,

We hope you are all well and have had lots of fun this week. This week's topic is on **Celebrations** with lots of things to make and do. **Please remember you don't have to complete every activity, please adapt as necessary.**



Do you remember when we celebrated our new Values and all dressed up?  
What is your favourite celebration? Your Birthday? Christmas? Eid? or something else? Who is the next person in your family to have a celebration?

We hope you have a great week,

Mrs Daniel, Miss Salliss and Mrs Goddard



W/C 8.06.2020: Learning Project - Celebrations

Age Range: EYFS

Weekly Reading Tasks	Weekly Phonics Tasks
<p><b>Day 1</b> Watch the story of Kipper's Birthday <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Dht-RjwIDk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Dht-RjwIDk</a> Ask your child to talk about the problem in the story. How did Kipper feel? Can they read some of the words?</p>	<p><b>Day 1</b> Write a variety of sounds on balloons (or paper). Place the balloons around a room. Say words associated with celebrations e.g. cake and ask your child to identify the initial sound by running to the balloon that represents the sound.</p>
<p><b>Day 2</b> Find old celebration cards, perhaps from past birthdays or religious celebrations, and share them with your child. Talk about the features of the cards e.g. who it is to who, poems/verses, pictures of cakes, etc.</p>	<p><b>Day 2-</b> <a href="https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/alien-escape?phase=3">https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/alien-escape?phase=3</a> Practice sounding out phase 3 sounds with this Alien game.</p>
<p><b>Day 3</b> Listen- to the story of the Scarecrow's Wedding <a href="#">here</a>. Ask your child to recount the important events from the story.</p>	<p><b>Day 3</b> Practise reading these phase 3 sounds and <a href="#">Tricky Words</a>.</p>
Weekly Writing Tasks	Weekly Maths Tasks- Money
<p><b>Day 1</b> If you could give any gift, to anyone, what would it be and why? Discuss this question with your child and then ask them to draw a picture of their gift of choice. Can they have a go at writing the recipients' name? Can they write their name to show who the gift is from?</p>	<p><b>Day 1-</b> Play shops with your child. When they are the customer say things such as "That is £3 please." , "You haven't given me enough, can I have some more money please?". When they are the shopkeeper ask them things such as "How much is this?", "Do you need more money?", "Can you give me my change please?". In doing this, they get used to hearing language associated with money.</p>
<p><b>Day 2-</b> Encourage your child to draw a picture of a celebration that they have taken part in or of a special time in their life. They could use their phonics knowledge to write about their memory of that day. Talk to them about their feelings during the day encouraging them to use vocabulary such as excited, cheerful, jolly.</p>	<p><b>Day 2</b> Get a selection of 1p coins and talk to your child about these coins being 1 penny. Collect some items from around the house or treats they can eat and label them 1p, 2p, 5p and possibly 10p. Ask your child to pick an item, but before giving it to them they need to give you the correct number of pennies based on the amount on the label. E.g. if it was 2p they would have to hand you two pennies.</p>
<p><b>Day 3-</b> Talk to your child about their personal achievements. What are they most proud of and why? Can they make themselves a certificate to celebrate? They could use materials from around the house to create this.</p>	<p><b>Day 3 (theme)-</b> Make a selection of birthday cards with numerals on the front. Can your child count out birthday candles (if you have them) or objects to match the amount? Can they order the numerals from the smallest amount to the largest?</p>

## Learning Project - to be done throughout the week

This project this week aims to provide opportunities for your child to learn more about celebrations. Learning may focus on different types of celebrations that take place and who may celebrate them. It could look at how people celebrate different events differently in other parts of the world.

- **Family Photographs-** Look over a selection of photographs of family celebrations and discuss with your child: what the celebration was about, who attended, what you did to celebrate, when it took place, whether it is an event that happens each year. Can your child remember the event taking place? What do they remember about it? They could draw a picture to illustrate their favourite memory of the day. If you have access to a PC, this could be done on a drawing program such as Paint.
- **Plan a Family Celebration-** Decide on a family celebration for the week. This could be a family indoor picnic, meal, dance etc. Ask your child to write invitations, inviting those that they live with to the party. Your child could also create homemade decorations using coloured paper (if you do not have coloured paper at home, you could use old newspaper or wrapping paper). They could make paper chains or bunting too.
- **Birthdays-** Talk to your child about when they were born. Look at photographs of the day they were born, if you have them available. Do they know the date of their birthday? Support your child to create an all about me folding book (as pictured) with their birth date, current age and anything else they think is important for people to know about them.
- **Discover Religious Celebrations-** Watch the 'Let's Celebrate' video collection for [Easter](#). Discuss the celebrations with your child. Did they celebrate Easter this year? Which of the events did they take part in? Then watch the 'Let's Celebrate' video collection for [Eid-al-Fitr](#). Discuss the celebrations with your child. Did they celebrate Eid-al-Fitr? How did they celebrate? Are there any similarities and differences between the celebrations they saw in the Easter videos? Can your child create a celebration card for one of these events?
- **Celebrating Others-** In many religions and cultures, we celebrate individuals. Talk to your child about somebody that they would like to celebrate e.g. a family member who is a key worker. Ask your child to create a 2d or 3d representation of this person. Can they share their creations with that family member over Facetime or in a similar way (with supervision).

Additional learning resources parents may wish to engage with

- [BBC Bitesize](#) - Lots of videos and learning opportunities for all subjects.
- [White Rose Maths](#) online maths lessons. Watch a lesson video and complete the worksheet (can be downloaded and completed digitally).
- [Numbots](#). Your child can access this programme with their school login.
- [IXL](#) Click on Maths, Reception. There are interactive games to play and guides for parents.
- [Talk for Writing Home-school Booklets](#) are an excellent resource to support your child's speaking and listening, reading and writing skills.

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