

Mandeville Primary School

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Butterfly News

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the second newsletter just for Butterflies! It's so lovely to see everyone again after the half term. Our topic this half term is 'Celebrations!' We're all having lots of fun making fireworks and making our classrooms glittery with our firework pictures. This week we have been learning about Remembrance Sunday and making our own beautiful poppies!

Things to remember...

- Magic Moments. We are lucky enough to see lots of the amazing things your children do and learn, however there are moments we miss. Magic moments are for you to take home and fill in when your child does something 'magical', like riding their bike without stabilizers, learning how to swim etc. Please fill in a form and get your child to draw a picture and we will put in in their Learning Journals as part of their development. Ask us for a form or look on the pin boards above the coat pegs.
- Reading Records are finally here! Your child will soon be getting a reading record and a word wall. Please write in the record about any books your child enjoys so we can see how they are progressing and what kinds of books they like. Word walls are full of high frequency and 'tricky' words. If possible, please read with your child and once your child is able to read (and write) these words, put a tick next to it and we will update them when they are able to read them.
- Wellies are brilliant to help us keep our new unit clean and tidy! Please send a named pair in for your child to wear during those muddy days to ensure they are able to learn outside.
- Library books are being changed every Friday. Please ensure your child has their book in school ready to change.
- Cold weather is soon to be upon us! PLEASE make sure your child has a coat so that they can play and learn outside. As the weather gets colder don't forget your child's named woolly hat, scarf and gloves (on strings if possible!).

This term, Butterflies and Ladybirds will be working on a topic called

"Celebrations!"

The Foundation Stage curriculum is organised into 6 areas of learning. These are just a few things we'll be learning this half term:

In communication, language and literacy development we will be

- Enjoying stories and rhymes with a celebration theme
- Practising writing our names
- Learning new phonics
- Writing Christmas cards, party invitations and letters to Santa!

In personal, social and emotional development we will be

- Talking about how we feel about special celebrations like weddings and birthdays
- Talking about fears and what we can do to overcome them
- Talking about things that are special to us
- Sharing and being a good friend!

In knowledge and understanding of the world we will be

- Talking about celebrations in our families such as Christmas, Hannukah, and Eid.
- Learning about the differences between day and night, dark and light.

In 'mathematical development' we will be

- Learning to count to 20 and beyond
- Learning to add two groups of objects up to ten.
- Learning about money (and how to spend it in our post office!!)
- Create repeated patterns to make wrapping paper
- Weighing parcels and measuring ribbons to tie them up with

In creative development we will be

- Making poppies
- Using recycled materials to make a nativity scene
- Wrapping presents
- Role play: Christmas shopping and posting cards in the post office.
- Making decorations and cards
- Singing Christmas songs

In physical development we will be

- Party dancing!
- Playing party games like musical statues
- Developing our fine motor skills
- Learning how to jump off apparatus and land safely.

Please feel welcome to come and have a look in our classroom whenever you like! If you have any free time and can help in the class we'd love to see you. I am always happy to answer any questions and help in any way!

Emily Smith