



REIGATE ST MARY'S
PREPARATORY AND CHOIR SCHOOL

October 2016

Dear Parents,

This half term we will continue with our topic 'Our wonderful World'. During the first week we will be exploring celebrations to include Diwali and Guy Fawkes. We will then be exploring our own environment before moving on to explore the Polar Regions. The seven Areas of Learning will be focussed upon these themes. We have planned a wide range of activities and experiences both inside and outside.

During our exploration of the Polar Regions, the children are invited to come to school in fancy dress on Tuesday the 29th November for a 'Polar Party'.

On the first of December Elfie our Elf on the shelf will arrive in Kindergarten. We are hoping he wont be as mischievous this year when he comes to visit!!

Throughout the remainder of the term there will be opportunities for the children to explore, discuss and discover all about:

- Different celebrations
- Animals and habitats
- How and why questions
- Build an igloo
- Create a workshop for Father Christmas
- Rehearse for our concert and carol service

Things to do at home with your child could include:

- Encourage your child to go exploring in the garden on their own!
- Use binoculars or a magnifying glass
- Talk about 'Respect' for friends and toys
- Explore the freezer; freezing and thawing
- Practice putting on and taking off coats, hats and gloves as independently as possible
- Taking off shoes and putting on wellies, and vice versa.

As you will be aware, we have a half termly school value and thinking skill, which are woven into every aspect of school life. This half term our value is 'Respect' and our thinking skill is 'Empathy' so we will be incorporating these into our activities and experiences too.

Should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,

The Kindergarten Team