



October 2017

Dear Parents

We hope you and the children have had a wonderful break and are looking forward to the next half-term!

To continue with our '*What a Wonderful World*' theme, this half term we will be focusing on '*The World Around Us*'. We will be travelling around the world, visiting various countries, and exploring other cultures. Our *Marvellous Middle* for the term will take place on **Wednesday 15th November**, when we would like the children to come to school wearing a costume from a different country for a multicultural picnic and topic themed activities.

Over the course of the half term, we will focus on a different continent each week, and if you or your child have any interesting objects from countries you have visited, they are more than welcome to bring them in to share them with the class. In the first week, we will be travelling to Asia and celebrating Diwali. We then move onto exploring Australasia alongside Autumn, and the children will be creating some firework inspired artwork. If you found any autumnal items during half term please feel free to send them in to add to our nature table in the classroom. Our weekly letter will continue to detail our plans for the week and the continent we will be visiting. This can be read on the website, and is also displayed next to the red door.

If you have family or friends who live overseas, or who are on holiday abroad, it would be wonderful if they could send a postcard to Kindergarten about where they are and the sights they have seen.

Please do let us know if you would like to come into Kindergarten to share any topic-related stories or experiences with the children.

Throughout the term we will also be incorporating our school value of *'Empathy'* and our thinking skill of *'Respect'* into the children's experiences.

During December, we will incorporate Christmas into our planning. We will be joining Reception for our Christmas concert. Please could you send a named, navy blue t-shirt, which you are happy for us to decorate for their costume, into school by **24th November**. We will also be visiting the church for our carol service and are looking forward to you sharing our festive multicultural classroom for open morning that same day! Finally, our *'Fabulous Finish'* will be our Christmas party on the last day of term where we would like everyone to come to school wearing party clothes for a fun day to end the term.

As the term progresses and the weather turns colder please could we also ask that all hats, scarves and gloves are clearly named, and that the gloves are kept in their coat pocket, hats in the hood or sleeve of their coat and their scarf hung on their peg. Please could you also ensure that your child has waterproof trousers and wellies which are clearly labelled so it is easy for your child to find their name.

Finally, please remember that we have an open-door policy and you are always welcome to talk to any member of the team if you have any questions or queries, no matter how big or small. We are looking forward to another busy and productive half term with your children.

Kind Regards

The Kindergarten Team

Dates for your diary

- FOSMA Fireworks- November 3rd
- Around the world picnic and dress up- November 15th
 - St Mary's Church Christmas Fair-November 18th
 - Christmas Concert -December 6th
- Open Classroom and Carol Service- December 14th
 - Christmas party and dress up- December 15th
 - End of Term-December 15th