

# Term 2 Newsletter

## Year 1

### Topic for the term

This term our topic is 'Let's Celebrate', where we are looking at different festivals! We will learn about Diwali with Rama and Sita, Harvest festival, Sukkot and the traditional Christmas story. We will be writing stories and poems in English and will be exploring addition and subtraction in Maths. In Science we are looking at trees: identifying and naming a variety of trees and looking at their basic structure.

### PE and Sports News

In outdoor PE we are learning to use balls and quoits to send, roll and throw. Indoor PE involves dance where we travel and express ourselves with different rhythms.

### Phonics Pack

During term 1 we usually hold a 'phonics session' for parents - this is to explain all about phonics, show you how we teach phonics at St Leonards, and give you ideas on ways to help your child with their phonics at home. Due to restrictions we cannot do this, therefore, your child will receive a 'Phonics Pack' for you to keep at home. You will soon be sent a link on Dojo/Tapestry to watch a video version of the session. This will explain all about phonics and the phonics pack you have received. Once you have watched the video, could you please fill out the form in the phonics pack, with any feedback and questions you have and return to your child's teacher.

### Ways to support your child at home this term

**Home learning** - Please choose one activity per week from the listed options. A 'home learning pack' will be given at the beginning of the term with any relevant sheets for the activities. You should take a picture or video of your child's work and send via dojo by Friday morning.

The home learning expectation in Y1 is to listen to your child read at least three times a week and to record this in their reading record (yellow book in their book bag). This should amount to around 10 minutes of your time and will aid your child's confidence and progress. Each time they complete 20 reads (we can only count one read a day) they move up the reading rainbow! Many of you are now on the reading rainbow - well done.

Please look at Dojo regularly (you can set notification so that you do not miss anything).

### Key Dates for the Term

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Return to school.  
(Black History Week)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November: Mini reports sent home.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas dinner with the opportunity to wear a Christmas jumper.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Party Day

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December: School closes at 2pm

### Targets:

**Reading** - To answer literal questions about what they have read.

**Writing** - to form letters correctly.

**Maths** - To count forward and backwards from a given number.