Dear Parents. This half term our topic is 'Festivals'. The children will be learning about Diwali, bonfire night, remembrance and Christmas. They will continue to settle in to their new environment. **Mrs Waters** Our recommended read: Where can you go to What is the **festival of** This half term 'Hurray for pray? lights? Diwali' will be available at the library or in school for you to borrow and share at home. Who is responsible for bonfire night? Why is Christmas a special time? Autumn 2 How do the **fireworks** make you feel? **Things to** remember: Monday-**Tuesday-**Respect Wednesday – Forest School Due regard for the Thursday – Oak PE feelings, wishes, or Friday- Acorns PE, Reading Deciduous Hibernate rights of others.. books changed A tree shedding its An animal that leaves annually. spends the winter in a dormant state.

Useful words Diya – an oil lamp made from clay.

Rangoli– traditional Indian decoration and patterns.

Festival of Lights- Diwali, a religious festival associated with Hinduism, Sikhism, and Jainism.

Guy Fawkes Night – is the evening of 5th November, when many people have parties with bonfires and fireworks.

Christmas – the annual Christian festival celebrating Christ's birth, held on 25 December.

Church - a building used for public Christian worship.

Stable- a building in which livestock, especially horses, are kept.