Friday 1st November

**Year Two Autumn 2 Newsletter**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a fantastic half term holiday!

Our Topic

We are ready to start the new half term topic “Festivals and Faiths” and to meet you all for parents’ evenings. If you have not yet signed up for an appointment, please do so on the online booking system. It is really important to meet you all properly and talk about any concerns or important messages.

We are sending home the curriculum overview so that you can see what we will be covering this half term and support the learning at home, if you wish. As you may notice, much of the learning is centred around Diwali and Christmas, building up to the wonderful festive production, on which we will send you more information soon. We will be visiting Kea Church on Monday 2nd December as part of our learning about places of worship.

We will be sharing Key Stage 2’s learning about festivals from other world religions on the afternoon of 5th December. We will have an opportunity to visit all the junior classes and be shown their work. It will be another chance to broaden the children’s knowledge about various religions.

PE

We will be continuing with PE lessons throughout this half term. Please make sure your child has appropriate PE kit, (jogging bottoms or leggings optional for warmth). Please remember girls need a spare pair of socks as they cannot wear tights for PE. Remember to check that PE shoes still fit.

Homework

We will be sending home weekly homework until we cast the Christmas play. At this point, we would like your child to practise the words for their speaking part and the songs. Please remember to practise for the times tables and common exception words. This is in addition to regular reading at home.

We would like all children to make a small Christmas tree decoration ready for our assembly on 29th November. We will send home a reminder nearer the time, but some of the children may be keen to get designing. This year, we are encouraging designs which re-use or up-cycle something that would otherwise go to waste. We would like to make a stand against all the glitter in the eco system, so please try to avoid this, if possible.

Finally, we would like to thank you for all your continued support. Last half term was a great success and your children have been a joy to work with. We look forward to being able to share with you all of their successes in parents’ evenings.

Many Thanks,

Mr Carey and Mrs McPherson