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Dear Parents/Carers of Marine Academy Primary Reception pupils,



This term, Reception will be following the topic of '**Festivals of Light**'. During this topic, your child will experience and learn about various festivals of light, from Bonfire Night to Diwali and Christmas. They will understand the reasons for celebrating these festivals and recognise the special differences between them all. They will explore three focus texts: Little Glow by Katie Sahota and Harry Woodgate, Shubh Diwali by Chitra Soundar, as well as

The Christmas Pine by Julia Donaldson.

Over the term, your child will take part in guided, small group themed learning, which is outlined below. Please support your child as much as you can at home by helping them to talk about and share their learning with you.

Pumpkin carving: Children create a tasty pumpkin snack in the mud kitchen.

Light and Dark: Children use torches to explore light and dark, alongside a collection of transparent and non-transparent materials.

Bonfire Night: Children create their own firework pictures.

Diwali lamps: Using paper, children create their own Diwali lamps.

The Nativity: Arrange their own Nativity scene and talk about what happens.

A map for Father Christmas: The children draw a map to help Santa find their house.

If you ever have any comments or questions about your child's learning, please speak to their class teacher or email yearreception@marineacademy.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Clarke & Mr Green
Reception Teachers

