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**Term Date****Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December****What are we exploring this term?**

4<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> November - Bonfire night - How to stay safe, explore colours, lights & sounds.

5<sup>th</sup> November – Reverend Lydia to visit to tell stories and create art.

11<sup>th</sup> November - Armistice day - Thinking about others

18<sup>th</sup> November - Nursery rhyme week

2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> December - Caterpillars Christmas stay & create!

9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas party week ☺

**Christmas Party Week**

Our Christmas party week begins Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Your child may wish to dress up in party clothes/ Christmas outfits/dress up outfits or pyjamas!

Santa will also be making a visit. He has a very busy schedule so the date is to be confirmed.

We request party food donations for party week.

A list will be provided for very welcomed donations.

**Reverse Advent**

Following on from the success last year, we have decided to participate with a Reverse Advent again. We often talk with your children about kindness to others and think about giving. We would like to collect donations for the Colchester food bank this Christmas. An advent box will be out daily through December with a daily Christmas scene. Please explore this with your children and share the meaning of giving and receiving with your children. ☺

**Christmas Stay and Create**

We would like to invite you to our Christmas stay and create morning where you can make wonderful pieces of art with your child! Come & get messy & have fun! Dates for this are Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 9AM. Craft morning takes up to one hour.

☺ Please inform a member of staff which day you would like to attend.

Learning Journeys will also be available for you to take home to share with your child and family.

Your child's end of term report will be included.

Please ensure you leave comments and sign to say you have read the report before returning the Learning Journey. The comments enable us to contribute further your child's education and we can reflect on how to improve.

**World Nursery Rhyme Week**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November is World Nursery Rhyme week. Learning and singing nursery rhymes help us develop an ear for our language. Rhyme and rhythm highlight the sounds and syllables in words. And understanding sounds and syllables helps children learn to read ☺

**Useful Links**

[www.caterpillarspreschool.org](http://www.caterpillarspreschool.org)

School lunch menu is available bellow.

[www.birch.essex.sch.uk/](http://www.birch.essex.sch.uk/)

What To Expect When Document

<https://www.foundationyears.org.uk>