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Christmas Holiday Topic Homework

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy couple of weeks with the Christmas tree walk, Panto and our Nativity to name just a few. We hope you enjoyed our production of 'A King is Born'

We are very much looking forward to next term; our topic is called 'Starry Night.' This topic explores the differences in the world at night compared to during the day. It teaches children about the importance of a good night's sleep, and helps them to discover what is happening in the world while they are sleeping, including finding out about nocturnal animals. I have created a Topic Overview to give you a taster of everything we will be covering next term, including how you can help your child at home. This overview is also available on the school website.

In preparation for our topic we would like both Nursery and Reception children to complete one piece of good quality topic homework; which needs to be brought into school on the first day back - Wednesday 5th January. Each child is encouraged to share and discuss their work with the class before we incorporate it into a topic display.

Topic Homework

- 1) Go on a short walk somewhere familiar during the day and then go on the same walk after dark. Take a torch on your night walk so you can shine it at different features. What did you see and hear on the daytime walk? What did you see and hear on the night time walk? Did you see and hear the same things?
- 2) Talk about bedtime routines and the importance of a good night's sleep. Draw bedtime pictures, make a list of bedtime activities or create a routine chart.
- 3) Lullabies are soothing, quiet songs that help us get to sleep. Find some lullabies to listen to together and choose your favourite. What lullabies did you listen to? What is your favourite lullaby? Can you learn the lullaby to share with your friends at school?
- 4) Nocturnal animals are awake during the night time and sleep during the day. Choose a nocturnal animal and find out three facts.
- 5) Make a room dark. Shine a torch onto a wall and make shadows by putting objects in front of the torch. You could play a guess the object game or trace shadows onto paper. How did you make a shadow? What shape are the shadows? What happens to the shadow when you move an object closer and further away from the torch?
- 6) Go outside on a clear night and look at the sky. Draw a picture of what you can see.

Please encourage your child to share stories with you everyday as this really helps with their language and literacy development. Also, don't forget the importance of looking for opportunities to develop maths knowledge – whether it is counting sweets, hunting shapes or playing board games.

Have an enjoyable Christmas Holiday.

Best wishes,

Miss Purves, Mr Way and Miss McDonald