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Dear Parents and Families,

It's half term! We have had a great first half of the autumn term with so many exciting things happening in school.

### **International Week**

This week we have celebrated International Week in school. Each class has learnt about a different region of the world and have been doing all sorts of exciting activities to find out more about the culture and life in the region. There are lots of pictures on the following pages where you can see more of what the children have been up to.

### **Halloween Disco**

Tonight is our Halloween Disco at the village hall. Thank you so much to our PTA for organising and we hope you all have a great time.

### **OPAL Play**

We are very excited to have signed up to OPAL play. This is an initiative to improve the experience of play for everyone. We are hoping that it will give the children a range exciting things to do at break and lunch times. As part of this work we need to form an OPAL committee which would ideally include at least one parent representative. If you would be interested in working with us on this exciting project please contact the office or come and speak to me in the playground.

### **SEND Coffee Afternoon**

We will be having a SEND Coffee Afternoon at 2.30pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Mrs Lawson will be sharing some information about supporting children with ADHD. There is no need to book – just come along if you would like to.

### **Celebration assembly dates for next half term are:**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

**Please note Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November is an INSET day and school is closed to children.**

School will be closed for half term today and reopens on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Have a great half term.

Miss Templeton and Staff

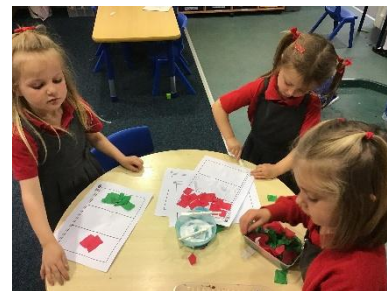
**Diary Dates (these will be added to over time)**

<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Half Term
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day – School Closed
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Concert (there will be morning and afternoon performances)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Music Assembly
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Trip to the Snowdome
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn Term





# International Week



Brambles have been learning all about the continent of Europe. They used maps to find out where in the world we are, made papier mâché globes and explored the flags of different countries.

They had a go at building different structures like the Eiffel Tower and sat down to eat in a traditional French café!







Oak Class have been learning all about North and South America. They identified landmarks, researched the animals that can be found in the Amazon, made masks, tasted fruit from the region and performed an amazing Samba dance!







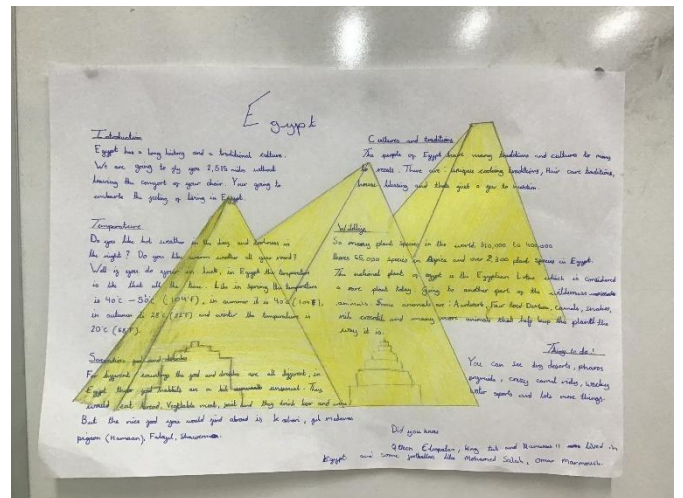
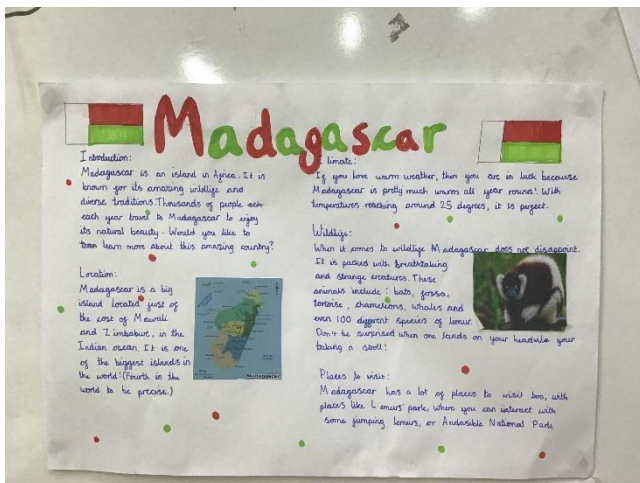
Willow Class have been finding out all about Asia and Oceania. They have made chapatis, taken part in an Indian dance, learned about China, created Chinese lanterns and spoken to a teacher from a school in Hong Kong. They have also completed painted inspired by Hokusai's 'The Great Wave'







Elm Class have been learning about Africa. They have researched the different countries, and compiled fact files about them. They made some incredible African inspired masks and have used them to retell traditional stories. They learned an African dance and had a visit from Mr Rowlands and his African Animals!



We regularly get sent links to organisations that offer help to parents, children and families going through difficult times. We thought it would be helpful to add these at the bottom of the newsletter each week, in case there is anything you would like to find out more about. As always, please do make an appointment at the office if there is any way we can help. We will keep this list updated with services that get in contact with the school.

**Foodbank** – We are now able to issue foodbank vouchers to people who need them. If you would like one please come and speak, in confidence to Miss Templeton or Mrs Bishop.

**CAMHS** (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) - Providing a range of wellbeing and mental health support to children, young people and their families across Herefordshire and Worcestershire <https://camhs.hacw.nhs.uk/>

**Lumi Nova** - An engaging child-led, parent/guardian supported therapeutic intervention that can be used on most smartphones or tablets. It facilitates graded exposures (the active ingredient of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy) with psychoeducation to empower 7–12-year-olds with mild to moderate needs to learn to self-manage fears, worries and anxiety.  
<https://luminova.app/handw>

**Melo** – Melo takes an innovative and flexible approach to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people aged 0-25 years. It will provide a wide range of services designed to meet individual mental health needs.

Melo :: Onside, Worcestershire & Herefordshire <https://www.onside-advocacy.org.uk/melo>

**WEST** (wellbeing and Emotional support teams in schools) An in schools service is designed to help children and young people ages 5-18 years access mental health and wellbeing support early on in educational settings. It's all about ensuring children and young people can get access to the right help as early as possible. <https://camhs.hacw.nhs.uk/west/>

- [Family Lives](#)



Phone: 0808 800 2222

Hours: 9am – 9pm Monday to Friday.  
10am – 3pm on weekends.



- [YoungMinds Parent Helpline](#)

Phone: 0808 802 5544



- [Action for Children](#)

Phone: 0300 123 2112

Hours: Vary (see website)