

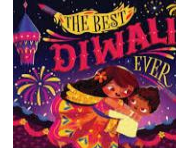


## Hercules Class Newsletter End of Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are all aware, I joined the Hercules Class Team at the beginning of November and had the pleasure of meeting most of you at your first parents evening. Since then, it's been all systems go. What a busy term!

The children started the term learning about the Diwali Festival of Light through our story 'The Best Diwali Ever'. They made some beautiful clay tealight candle holders as part of their learning.



We went on a trip to Abbeyfield School who had created a wonderful Christmas multi-sports event for the children from the local primary schools. All of the Hercules children were so beautifully behaved and engaged in all of the activities with such enthusiasm.



The children also took part in a drumming workshop, which was great fun. But I've got to say for the most part this term has been about the joy of Christmas. We have been on so many adventures using stories such as the Christmas Story and The Polar Express. The children created their own Polar Express Train which they have had lots of fun with. They've even been to the North Pole in their role play area, helping Santa and the Elves to wrap the presents in time for Christmas.



The children put on a beautiful Nativity performance, which we hope you all enjoyed. Weren't they amazing! The children really loved getting into their costumes to put on the performance for you.

The lovely Katherine Bloomer from St Peter's Church came in again to share another Bible story with the children. The children also went on a fun Christmas Trail at the church organised by the Worship Council.

Please keep reading with your children over the Christmas Holiday -they are doing so well - and it would be so beneficial for them if we could keep the momentum going into the new term. In January we will be introducing the school reading scheme. The children need to read 4 times a week at home throughout the term to complete the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

In the new term we will be staying in the North Pole to learn all about Polar Explorers!

All that's left for me and the Hercules Team to do is to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Mrs Hanna, Mrs Tomlinson, Mrs Stables and Mrs Ford*