

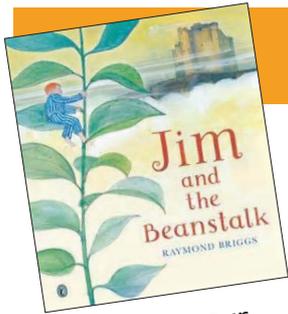
# Odessa Infant School

## Year 2 Newsletter

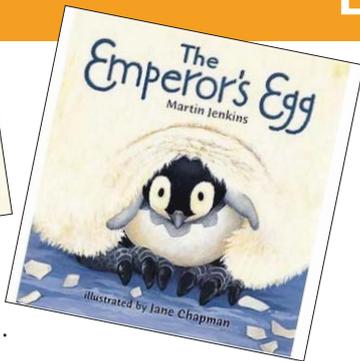
To all our families who celebrate these festivals, Year 2 hope you had a happy Diwali or enjoy celebrating Guru Nanak's Birthday. We look forward to celebrating the run up to Christmas with you.

In this second Autumn newsletter, we will give you more ideas for home activities that will support your child's learning. Here are some suggestions based upon work we are doing in school!

### Literacy...



These are our main books for this half term.



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 In literacy, we are looking at traditional tales. You may want to take your child to the local library to look for and read traditional tales such as Hansel and Gretel. Once you have read a story with your child ask them to retell the story in their own words. If you have any traditional stories in your own culture, please share them with your child so that they can discuss them with their teacher or friends in class.  
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### Maths...

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 Help your child to count forwards in **2s, 5s and 10s**, at first starting from 0. Once secure, can they start from *any* number (For example, **1, 3, 5, 7...** or **12, 17, 22, 27...** or even backwards! **51, 41, 31, 21...**)  
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 Your child will be looking at multiplication (**x**) this term. Support their learning by playing games with plates and beans. For example, **5 x 3** would be **5** plates with **3** beans on each, making a total of **15** beans. Once secure, they can start to learn simple times tables.  
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 Encourage your child to pay for *small* items in the local shop, helping them to work out the **total cost**. Can they work out **which coins to use**, or **how much change** to expect from 20p, 50p or £1?  
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### Science and topic work...

In Science we will be looking at everyday materials. We will be investigating why different materials are suited for different purposes. Talk to your child about objects in your house that are made from different materials and discuss why. For example, why are forks made from metal not wood? Why are windows made from glass and not paper?

- The children really
- enjoyed their
- educational visit to
- cross the river on the
- Emirates Air Line.
- This was part of their
- Geography learning and helped them to understand
- the concept of an aerial view and how this relates
- to maps. They will extended their geographical
- vocabulary through first hand experience of the
- river, ships, piers, harbours and airports they saw.



- In history, we will be
- learning about significant
- people and events from
- the past. For example, we
- will study Remembrance
- Day and why people wear
- poppies. We will explore
- how and why people
- commemorate it on the
- 11th of November
- every year.

As you are aware children have been bringing two books home every week (one from the library and one from our home reader scheme). Please practise reading with your child as see how their confidence grows when they re-read a text. We hope they are also accessing and enjoying the online 'Bug Club'.