

## Topic fun

**This week we have been exploring how fire is used in ceremonies around the world ...**

We have been learning about Hanukkah and making beautiful Menorah pictures. The children have also been thinking about what they could say thank you to God for and who they could light a candle for.

We also talked about what the children would like to do when they grow up, who they would like to meet and places they would like to visit.

## Spellings ...

'OO' words - boost, spoon, shoot, spook, swoop, groove, goose, loose, cartoon, rooftop.

Bonus words - beetroot, lagoon, maroon, mushroom, kangaroo.

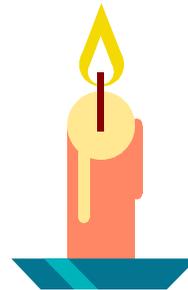
## Maths

We have been learning about finding the difference between 2 numbers.

Can you find the difference between: 6 and 11; 22 and 31; 17 and 26?

Can you find pairs of numbers where the difference is 6? For example, 11 and 17. Use a number line to help you.

Finding 'the difference' is quite a difficult concept for children to grasp. As adults we understand that finding the difference is a form of subtraction, however at this stage we are teaching it as a separate idea so please don't tell your children that it is the same as 'taking away' as this is likely to confuse them!



## I'm bored box

All the trees have lost their leaves .... Can you make silhouette pictures using charcoal on white paper or by cutting out different coloured paper and sticking it on newspaper. Go outside and collect sticks that are unusual shapes—what do they remind you

## Things to remember

**Please make sure that your child has a shoe box in school for Monday. Let us know if you haven't got one as we probably have some spares.**

**Christmas is coming! We could really use some help in making costumes. If you have a sewing machine and are willing to help with some simple sewing, please let us know. Mince pies will be provided! We need help to make a simple prop for our Christmas play (a door to be exact!) if anyone in your family is able and willing and handy with a hammer, please come and see us.**

## Writing corner

Next week we will be starting to think about what is really important to us; family, friends, love, happiness, our environment or our faith. Ask mum or dad to help you find a prayer or poem or famous saying that helps to explain what is important to you. Please bring it to school with you next week.