



8P Class Newsletter

Autumn 1



Our Theme

Our theme for Autumn 1 is "Celebrations".

Have a look below at how we will be learning about celebrations across our curriculum!



My Communication

In My Communication, we will be exploring key letters and words linked to the celebration of Halloween. We will be learning to recognise the symbols and signs for certain key words linked to this celebration also. We will be extending our repertoire of play skills so that we can learn how to role-play in our "Halloween Costume shop".

We can't wait to read our new story:

"We're going on a Pumpkin Hunt"!

We will be working on reading, writing and communication and interaction ALIs across the timetable.



My Thinking and Problem Solving

In My Thinking and Problem Solving, we will be learning about how people celebrate with food, including focusing on learning about capacity.

We will be learning about number through activities linked to our Halloween Celebrations topic.

We will be using money in our pretend costume shop and learning how to give a coin in exchange for a costume. The children will be encouraged to start to work on identifying coins through this regular role-play.

We will be working on number and cognition and learning ALIs across the timetable.



The World about Me

In The World about Me, we will be exploring different celebrations through learning about festivals, traditions, cultures and different types of foods.

We will teach the children independent skills through our weekly café visits, including a focus on travel training.

We will be practising our dressing skills when attending our swimming lesson weekly this half term.



Me and My Body

In Me and My Body, we will be taking part in lots of physical activities across the timetable. In our PE lessons, we will be focusing on Dance and Gymnastics. In PSHE, we will be learning about how we can manage our feelings and we will be covering a topic in Sex and Relationships Education called 'Knowing Me'.



My Community

In My Community, we will be growing our independence in travel around the school and local community. We will be learning to walk safely with adults into Chorley town centre and visiting a different Café each week. We will learn routines e.g. when paying for items, and we will practise exchanging coins for food/drinks in real life! In school, we will be developing our social skills across the curriculum.



My Creativity

This half term, the children will be learning to develop a range of actions and movements to explore the world around them. They will be working together to combine actions and movements to make dances, based on the theme 'Celebrations'. They will learn to communicate, with help, about their own work and that of others, recognising some differences.



Things to remember

- ✓ We have PE on a Monday. Please send your child in their PE kits on Mondays for this half term.
- ✓ Swimming is on a Tuesday. Please send in swimming kits on Tuesday each week.
- ✓ We will be going on visits to the Café on Wednesdays. Please send in warm coats and appropriate footwear for walking.
- ✓ Please remember to check Evidence for Learning on a weekly basis to see your child's learning across the curriculum.
- ✓ Parents Evening will take place on 11th October 23. More details to follow.
- ✓ Sharing Our Learning will take place on Tuesday 31st October between 1:30 and 2:30 pm. This means that we can celebrate Halloween together 😊



Key Vocabulary

Celebration
Party
Food
Drinks
Decorations
Halloween
Pumpkin
Potion
Cauldron
Werewolf
Zombie
Wizard
Witch
Bat
Black cat
Vampire
Ghost
Haunted house

Here are the **symbols** to support our key vocabulary –

[Celebration symbols - Autumn 1.pdf](#)



How can you help at home?

There are lots of ways to support your child's learning at home. Have a look at the suggestions below for some ideas:

- ✓ Reading with your child using the resources provided in their Reading Pack.
- ✓ Using key vocabulary, Makaton signs and symbols when communicating with your child.
- ✓ Incorporating your child's Aspirational Learning Intentions into your routine at home.
- ✓ Modelling to your child how to play positively.
- ✓ Taking your child to the shops where possible, to practise exchanging coins for items.



Home-School Communication

Home-school communication is important to us and helps us to support your child the best that we can. Here are some different ways to keep in touch...

- ✓ Writing in the home-school diary
- ✓ Emailing me at buckk@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk
- ✓ Coming into school for parents evening and sharing our learning sessions
- ✓ Commenting on your child's Evidence for Learning posts