



9P Class Newsletter

Autumn Term



Our Theme

Our theme for Autumn Term 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 words that rhyme and words with the same starting sound – we will use these skills to write our own poems inside cards to celebrate various occasions. We will write about real life events each week as we focus on our Weekend News, and we will share what we have written with our friends in class. We will continue to focus on developing our expressive and receptive language skills using board games, lego therapy and chatter mats to support us.

We will be working on reading, writing and communication and interaction ALI's across the timetable.



My Thinking and Problem Solving

In My Thinking and Problem Solving we will be learning about how food is used to celebrate special occasions. We will learn about measurement (weight and capacity), making comparisons and discussing which objects are heavier/lighter or will hold more/less.

We will be using money in our breakfast café each morning, combining coins to make a given amount. We will explore different ingredients to create our own salads and soups.

We will be working on number and cognition and learning ALI's across the timetable.



The World about Me

In The World about Me, we will be exploring celebrations and different customs from around the world.

We will focus on some specific religious festivals as they happen, such as Diwali and Hannukah.



Me and My Body

In Me and My Body, we will be taking part in lots of physical activity across the timetable. We will focus on gymnastics and dance in our PE lessons.

We will be thinking about our mental health and we will talk often about how we are feeling. We will explore a variety of regulation activities so that our young people can learn which activities are most effective for them to use.



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 in Asda and to order our own food at the café. We will rehearse shopping routines including writing a list and visiting both the service checkout and self-checkouts.

In school, we will be developing our social skills and learning to play with each other and to resolve conflicts with friends.



My Creativity

In My Creativity, we will be creating lots of different invitations and celebration cards using a variety of different media, including digital media. We will experiment with the use of different colours and textures for effect.



Things to remember

- ✓ We have PE on a Thursday. Please send learners into school wearing their PE kits on Thursdays.
- ✓ We will be going on visits to the café on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Please send in some spending money each week for this.
- ✓ 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 the morning of Tuesday 31st October – please save the date!



Key Vocabulary

Celebrate
Card
Gift
Party
Invite
Invitation
Special
Dance
Rhyme
Occasion



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.
- ✓ Celebrating different special occasions as a family.
- ✓ Taking your child to the shops where possible, to practice exchanging money 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 chaloners@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk
- ✓ Commenting on your child's Evidence for Learning posts
- ✓ Coming into school for parents evening and sharing our learning sessions

