

## Communication & Language

We are going to be working on our listening skills this half term, talking to our carpet partner and sharing our ideas with the rest of the class. We will play games like 'Simon Says' to help us get better at following instructions.

We will be going on listening walks and talking to each other about what we have heard.

Why not have a go at games such as Simon Says or I Spy at home? E.g. I spy with my little eye, something that is tall, brown and has green leaves...

### Literacy

We are going to read information books about Diwali, as well as lots of stories. We will look at books with Autumn facts in, and about Celebrations.

We will carry on working on Phase 2 phonics, practising reading and writing simple words and sentences.

We will be looking at lots of writing about things that interest us, making posters, fact files and writing cards, labels, lists and letters to Father Christmas, and starting to use our phonics to have a go at these.



### Key: (Topic Introduction)

Fireworks

### Lock: (Summary)

Celebrating Christmas-  
enjoying customs

Christmas Production

## Understanding of the world

We will be going on nature walks and looking at the changes we see as Autumn continues, and looking at the weather.

We are following on with the children's interest in finding out about people's jobs, and have visitors to talk about their work

We will be looking at different animal homes and finding out about their habitats, and noticing similarities and differences.

We will be using iPads to take photos of things we make and do and learning about different celebrations such as Bonfire Night and Christmas. We will begin to understand that people celebrate different events in different ways, and talk about what is special to our family.

## **Celebrations Autumn 2018**

## **Reception**



## Expressive Arts and Design

We will develop our creative skills in the classroom and the Atelier where we are learning about different ways to print.

We will have opportunities to make models and pots using junk, clay, sticks and Mod Roc. We will begin to think about how to change our models to make them different next time.

We will have lots of opportunities to develop our storytelling skills in the home corner and with other role play areas, particularly around Supertato.

We will be learning lots of new songs, and trying hard to remember the words, as well as adding movements to music. We will be learning about rhythm.

## Maths

We will be using Maths skills every day to solve problems. We will be counting forwards and backwards to 10, and looking at counting to 20 and beyond. We will practise counting groups of objects that are placed in a line and randomly placed. We will be busy looking at the order of numbers, and looking for patterns in number. We will be recognising patterns and making our own patterns using small objects.

We will be using lots of language when we are using junk to make models about size and shape.

## Personal Social & Emotional Development

We will be able to work together to build and play in the classroom, and outdoors. We will be developing skills to cope with when things don't go to plan, and learning about how to solve problems. We will be finding ways to ask for help when things get difficult.

We will be developing skills in keeping trying, we can do it!

## Physical Development

Our daily Funky Fingers session will develop the skills needed to hold a pencil between thumb and two fingers, and coordinate our fine motor skills. We will become much quicker at dressing and undressing ourselves.

Playing outdoors using the mud pit and the climbing equipment will develop our balance and coordination.

Our PE is gymnastic based and we will be developing our movement skills, and our ability to stop and hold a balance.

### How you can help at home

- \* Read with your child at home every night
- \* Practice writing their first name neatly with a capital letter to start.
- \* Count to 10 forwards and backwards
- \* Keep practising sound cards and tricky words
- \* Visit a library and borrow a book about one of your child's interests
- \* Talking about how celebrate special events at home, Christmas and birthdays, food eaten