Reception Autumn 02

Let's Celebrate!

Topic

During Autumn 2, children continue to follow the Foundation Stage Curriculum through practical, play-based learning experiences. Our topic 'Celebrations' helps children to explore events that are special to them and others, learning about a range of cultural, religious and seasonal celebrations while developing respect for similarities and differences. We learn about Bonfire Night, Diwali, Remembrance Day, Birthdays, Wedding and Christmas



Communication & Language

Children will develop their speaking and listening skills as they take part in stories, songs and discussions linked to celebrations. They will learn and use new vocabulary related to festivals, events and traditions, ask and answer questions, and share their own experiences and thoughts during group and role-play activities.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Children will develop their confidence and social skills as they learn about events that are special to themselves and others. They will practice turn-taking, cooperation and sharing during group activities, and begin to understand how celebrations can bring people together. A focus on respect and reverence will support children to reflect positively on experiences and relationships.

Literacy

Children will continue to develop early reading and writing skills through daily RWI phonics sessions, where they will be learning and consolidating set 1 sounds, including digraphs and double letters (set 1 special friends), and applying these sounds to blend and read simple words. Through Drawing Club and familiar texts such as Stick Man and The Snowman, children will use their phonic knowledge to write captions, labels and simple words linked to celebrations and special events.

Understanding of the World

Children will learn about a variety of cultural, religious and seasonal celebrations including Bonfire Night, Diwali, birthdays, weddings and Christmas. They will explore traditions, symbols and events from the past and present, notice changes in the world during winter and understand that people celebrate in different ways.

Mathematics

Children will build on their number knowledge by developing confidence with numbers up to 5. They will find, represent and subitise numbers 4 and 5, explore one more and one less, and begin to understand the composition of numbers to 5. Children will also explore shapes, including circles, triangles and shapes with four sides, and use positional language to describe their environment.

Physical Development

Children will continue to develop gross and fine motor skills through a range of practical activities. Fine motor skills will be strengthened through playdough, cutting, sticking, threading and wrapping activities linked to celebrations, while gross motor skills will develop through dance, movement games and weekly PE with Mr Clark, including ball skills and coordination activities.

Expressive Arts & Design

Children will use a range of media and materials to explore celebrations creatively through art, music, dance and role play. They will make decorations and cards, explore colour and texture and engage in imaginative role play such as parties, weddings and Christmas scenes. We will also learn and perform a range of Christmas songs.