

Reception

What are we learning this half term?



Our learning this half term will be based around the theme of 'Celebrations'. We started our new topic off this week with a 'Bonfire and Autumn' theme, where we have shared our knowledge of Autumn and bonfire night. Over the next few weeks we will focus on Diwali, Weddings, Birthdays and Christmas. We will be exploring family traditions and how events during these celebrations are similar and different.

Literacy

As readers, we will be;

- Segmenting sounds in words and blending them together to read words
- Learn letter sounds, names and actions
- Building our knowledge of keywords

As writers, we will be;

- Breaking our sentence down into individual words so we can write it
- Writing a range of patterns including dots, waves and zig-zags and moving on to letter formation

Mathematics

As mathematicians we will;

- Name and describe 'flat' 2D shapes
- Find one more and one less from a group of objects
- Find the total number of two groups by counting all of them
- Order events throughout the day in the correct sequence.

Understanding of the World

- As scientists, we make observations and talk about what we notice.
- As geographers, we will explore how festivals are celebrated in different countries.
- As historians, we will identify family customs and routines.
- As spiritual thinkers, we will be reflecting on 'Special Times'. We will think about our own significant times and those times that are special in different religions. Our focus will be on Diwali, Advent and Christmas.

Expressive Arts and Design

- As musicians, we will explore the different sounds of instruments and use them to represent fireworks and the seasons. We will learn songs linked to celebrations and for our Christmas play.
- As artists, we will experiment with colour to create pictures and patterns.
- As designers, we will create diva lamps.
- As performers, we will be learning our parts for the Christmas play.

Physical Development

- As gymnasts, we will experiment with different ways of moving.
- As dancers, we will be creating movements in response to music.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will be explaining our knowledge and understanding and asking appropriate questions of others.
- We will be following the 'Jigsaw' PSHE scheme, focussing on 'Celebrating difference'.

Key Information

- Forest school will continue to take place on **Mondays** and Sport on **Wednesday**. Please ensure children have their named forest school kit in school at all times
- Reading books will be changed once a week. Please remember to write in your child's planner to let us know how yOur child's reading and tricky word practise is going at home.
- Our exciting Stay and play for Parents is taking place on **Monday 10th November 9-10am**. A studybugs message will follow.
- The Reception Nativity will take place on **Wednesday 10th December at 5:30pm**, information about this will follow.