



Area of Learning	Activities	Area of Learning	Activities
Communication & Language	This half term we will be continuing to develop our listening skills through circle time activities. We will be discussing different festivals and celebrations e.g. Halloween, Diwali, Bonfire Night, birthdays, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas looking at how we and others celebrate these. Towards Christmas, our 'small world' area will reflect the story of the First Christmas and the children will develop their understanding of this special time through play.	Mathematics	In our Maths work, we will continue to focus on recognising and ordering numerals, subitising, counting to 10 and beyond, number formation and counting out a number of objects accurately. We will also be counting in 5's and 10's. We will begin work on 1 more and 1 less than a given number and we will completed some practical addition activities.
Physical Development	We will be continuing to focus upon develop the children's fine and gross motor skills through our Dough Disco, Squiggle while you Wiggle sessions and through different activities linked to our theme – e.g. creating Rangoli patterns using a variety of smaller objects, drizzling and sprinkling glue/glitter for Bonfire Night and using tweezers to pick up 'spooky' objects! We are encouraging the children to take responsibility for their belongings and independently manage their coats, belongings etc. We will also be talking about how to keep safe during Bonfire Night events.	Understanding the World	We will continue to look at changes in our environment and discuss them. We will be discussing/learning lots more about different Festivals and Celebrations – Halloween, Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas. We will be discussing the different celebrations that we and other communities have and how these are celebrated. We will also be continuing to develop our Technology skills and using different equipment e.g. IPad's, Interactive Whiteboard.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	We will continue to reinforce our positive class rules and boundaries. We will continue with circle time activities, modelling positive behaviours/friendships and discussing different aspects of our feelings. Through our Religion work, we will be learning more about how we welcome people into our own and God's family (including Baptisms) and we will learn about Advent and how people celebrate Jesus' birthday each year.	Expressive Arts & Design	We will be creating our own Diwali dances, Rangoli patterns and Firework Pictures by drizzling glue, using paint in different ways and we will explore different artists and their techniques and style of work. We will also be exploring a variety of media and materials and using these in our independent work. In Music, we will be continuing to learn new songs and dances, and of course a few festive songs towards Christmas!
Literacy	We will be working on a number of texts over this half term, and we will be writing for a variety of purposes e.g. lists, cards, descriptions, potion recipes. Our phonics groups will continue and we will be working on initial sounds, blending them together, reading CVC words and letter formation. We will be writing about the First Christmas, letters to Santa etc. towards the end of the half term.	RE	During this half term, we will be learning more about how we welcome people into our own and God's family (including Baptisms) and we will learn about Advent, The First Christmas and how people celebrate Jesus' birthday each year.

*When working on our text, we always try to select a story that the children may not have seen before we do not read the whole story initially. We work on the text over the course of the half term, and unpick each section, our focussed activities and challenges are based upon the part of the story we are working on to keep an element of surprise and suspense. If you do wish to read the story at home with your child, please could you do so once we have completed our topic and text work, thank you.