



# St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School

## EYFS Knowledge Organiser

### Explore —Autumn 2

#### The topic is about...

Let us Celebrate!

#### What we already know...

We have birthday's to celebrate the date that we were born. We send cards, have parties and eat treats. At Christmas time we celebrate the day that Jesus was born.

#### By the end of the topic we will be able to (EYFS DM)

##### **Understanding of the World: 30-50/40-60/ELG**

Remember and talk about significant events in our own experience.  
Recognise and describe special times or events for family or friends.  
Enjoy joining in with family customs and routines.  
Talk about past and present events in their own lives and the lives of family members.

##### **Expressive Arts and Design: 30-50/40-60/ELG**

Enjoy joining in with dancing and ring games.  
Sing a few familiar songs.  
Begin to move rhythmically.

Imitate movement in response to music.  
Begin to build a repertoire of songs and dances.  
Explore the different sounds of instruments.

##### **Literacy: 30-50/40-60/ELG**

Give meaning to marks they make as we draw, write and paint.  
Begin to break the flow of speech into words.  
Hear and say the initial sound in words.  
Segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together.  
Link sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet.  
Use some clearly identifiable letters to communicate meaning, representing some sounds correctly and in sequence.  
Write my own name and other things such as labels, captions.  
Attempt to write short sentences in meaningful contexts.

#### Let's try this at home

Encourage children to get involved with any upcoming birthdays and preparation.

Have a birthday party for a favourite teddy/family pet and talk about why birthdays are special and bring lots of excitement.

Read stories about birthdays and watch short cartoons on YouTube that involve birthday celebrations.

Share the story of the first Christmas together and talk about the main reason we celebrate this special day-The birth of Jesus.

Hand make a special gift for someone for either Christmas or a birthday.

#### Key Dates for this half term

Birthday celebration days: The last Friday in November and before we begin our Christmas holidays.

Also keep an eye on parent mail for any special trips, theme days and school celebrations.

#### Vocabulary

Celebration

Birthday

Party

Excitement

Culture

giving

Special

Waiting

Longing

Jesus

Nativity

Bethlehem

Shepherds

Wise Men

Angel

Stable

Gift

Receiving

Thankful

**We will also generate a bank of new vocabulary as we listen to stories and discuss our celebration themes each week. We will explore new words in depth in a variety of ways.**

#### We are going to read...

Kipper's Birthday by Mick Inkpen

Winnie's Birthday by Valerie Thomas

Charlie Crow in the Snow by  
Julia Donaldson

Christmas Magic by Melanie Joyce

Sam's Snowflake by Gillian Shields

The Nativity story.

How Do Dinosaurs say happy Birthday?

A Birthday Basket for Tia by Pat Mora

**We will explore a variety of stories of birthdays and how they are celebrated in different parts of the world.**