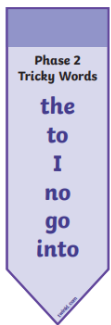


# Learning at home

*These are a few ideas for things you could do at home based on our topic.*

Practice the list of 'I CAN DO' SKILLS at home.  
(See topic web!)

Practicing reading tricky words  
(See phase 2 bookmarks which will be sent home)



Continue practising how to write their names using a capital for the first letter only. Begin to write initial sounds and cvc words. Give children lots of opportunities to write, eg Christmas lists and Christmas cards.

Lots of reading at home and enjoying stories together. Finding sounds in books. Beginning to segment and blend simple words.

Visit a special place that has meaning to you or your family or visit a place to explore a new celebration.

Have your child take pictures or make a piece of artwork to commemorate what you celebrate at home.

Talk about celebrations such as Bonfire Night, Diwali, Birthdays, Hanukkah and Christmas. Read books on these celebrations.

Our values this half term are Friendship and Kindness. Talk with your child about the importance of being a kind friend to others.



## TOPIC – Celebrations: Lighting up our World (Bonfire Night, Diwali, Birthdays, Christmas, Hanukkah, Eid)

### 'I CAN DO' SKILLS:

These are the 'foundation' skills that every child needs.

These skills will be woven into many different areas of the curriculum.

- Putting on coats
- Zipping up coats
- Putting on aprons
- Taking turns
- Tidying up
- Lining up
- Making new friends
- Learning names
- Working independently
- Having-a-go at different activities.
- Listening
- Following instructions
- Following the class rules
- Washing hands well
- Flushing toilets

### WRITING

- Enjoy making marks and writing
- Hold a pencil correctly
- Enjoy reading back our writing
- Learn to write own name with correct letter formation
- Write with lots of different media
- Learn letter formation
- Use clearly identifiable letters to communicate meaning, representing some sounds correctly and in sequence.
- Begin to write captions
- Use segmenting and blending to write simple words

### READING

- Enjoy reading books!
- Tell the story from the pictures
- Learn tricky words
- Re-tell stories
- Understand what words are
- Learn to segment and blend

Guided Reading groups – Recognise tricky words, phonics sounds, begin to blend and read sentences.

Story time – Asking questions and making predictions.

### MATHS – Following Mastering Number.

- Subitising – recognising groups without having to count
- Comparison – investigating 'more than' 'fewer than' and matching objects
- Counting- Knowing the last number in the set tells us 'how many', being accurate in counting, counting each object once
- Shape – Recognising common 2D shapes, recognise that shapes can be put together to make new shapes

### Early Years

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### PSED

Our Values this half term are: Friendship and Kindness

- Developing relationships
- Developing skills in conflict and resolution

Children continue to make new friends and learn their names.

They listen carefully to others and understand this makes others happy.

They learn how to take turns.

Children begin to understand how being kind and caring can make others feel.

They talk about emotions such as happiness, sadness and anger.

### COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

Role playing roles  
Asking and answering questions

Talking about themselves and what makes them special  
Story telling

Talk partners

Question why things happen and give explanations

Ask who, what, why, when and how questions.

### PHONICS

We will follow the Bug Club Phonics and will be learning Phase 2 sounds.

- Initial sounds and digraphs
- Segmenting and blending
- Tricky words

More information is on the website.

### EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

- . Creating fireworks using a range of media
- . Diwa pots , Mehndi patterns
- . Rangoli patterns
- . Designing birthday cards and party invitations
- . Christmas Art

### PE

- Getting dressed and undressed
- Know all about being healthy.
- Exploring large and small apparatus
- Exploring how many ways we can move
- Ball Skills: throwing, catching, rolling, bouncing, dribbling, kicking, controlling.
- Team games

### UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD:

- Celebrating Diwali (eating poppadoms and chutney)
- The Nativity Story: learning about Christmas
- Hanukkah: Lighting the Menorah
- Birthdays around the world
- Bonfire Night and Fireworks (how are they made)