

Understanding the World

We are going to be finding out lots about our world this half term, starting with Pumpkins. We will learn why we celebrate Bonfire night and the types of things we do to remember Guy Fawkes and the Gun Powder Plot. We will be learning about Diwali; where this is celebrated, why and how. We will find out about Hanukkah and Eid and why they are celebrated and by who. The children who share their own personal experiences of birthdays, weddings and other family celebrations and compare these with their friends. The final theme for the term is Christmas, where we will once again learn when, why and how we celebrate, before comparing the festivals we have explored. We will also spend time talking about the changes that take place during Autumn.



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Let's Celebrate

This half term we will be exploring a variety of festivals and celebrations. We will begin by learning about Bonfire Night and why it is celebrated, followed by the Hindu festival of Light, Diwali, the Jewish festival of Hanukkah and the Muslim festival of Eid. We then turn our attention to family celebrations such as birthdays and weddings. We finish the half term with all things Christmas!

Expressive Arts & Design

During the first week we will be creating some pumpkin artwork as part of our science learning about the season of Autumn. We will be creating lots of artwork inspired by fireworks, using paint and chalk. We will also develop our own firework dance, where we will explore moving like different fireworks. When exploring Diwali, we shall make clay Diya lamps and create Rangoli and Mehndi patterns. As we move towards Christmas we will begin making decorations for our classroom and create Christmas cards, as well as role playing the nativity story and performing in a play.



English

We will continue to participate in Sounds-Write Phonics sessions where we will learn the sounds made by letters of the alphabet, the way these sounds are written and practise how to record them. We will also continue practicing blending sounds together to read simple words, as well as having an increased focus on segmenting to spell. We will use our developing skills to write Christmas lists and Christmas cards.



Maths

This half term we will focus on numbers to 5. We will learn to subitise these numbers (recognise a quantity without counting), represent these on our fingers and create and discuss arrangements of up to 5 objects, thus developing our mathematical vocabulary. We will also begin to explore how numbers to 5 are composed by separating sets of objects in different ways, and make comparisons between quantities using the language of 'more than' and 'fewer than'.



R.E

'Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?'

Through role play, crafts and the churches story sacks, we will be looking at the different parts of the nativity story and learning who the different characters are.



PSHE

This half term we will be focusing on the themes of Identity and Diversity in our PSHE sessions. We will be answering the questions:

- Who are the people in my class and how are we similar to and different from each other?
- What things are especially important to my family and me?
- What are some of the similarities and differences in the way people including families live their lives?
- How can we value different types of people including what they believe in and how they live their lives?
- How do we celebrate what we believe in and how is this different for different people?



PE

During PE we will focus on dance linked to our theme of celebrations. We will start with a firework dance before exploring dance at festivals. We will begin by dancing on our own before joining to make pairs.



Music

This half term we will be exploring the sounds made by musical instruments. We will play a number of notes on these instruments and our friends will tell us how many we have played. We will also learn songs and sing in our Christmas Nativity play.



Forests Schools

Using the natural environment, we will be exploring our themes as well as using the changing season as inspiration for activities. We will create potions, make birthday party decorations and Christmas crafts using natural resources. We will also work on our gross and fine motor skills through climbing, den building and art. We will also build fires and learn about fire safety.



