

Reception Curriculum Newsletter

Creative Curriculum

Our topic this half term is 'Let's Celebrate!'

We will be finding out about lots of different celebrations that occur across the world during this half term including Halloween, Bodhi Day, Bonfire Night, Hanukkah, Thanks giving, Diwali and Christmas.

We have asked the children how they would like to explore and celebrate these celebrations and we have had some wonderful contributions. We have decided to experience many different celebrations by taking part in some, finding out who celebrates these festivals, what they do and why it is important to them. We will also be watching videos, sharing photographs and speaking about our own first hand experiences of festivals we celebrate. If you have any celebration photographs that you would like to share please send them in a named envelope or post them on Tapestry for us to access and share during topic lessons.

In our creative area we will be using a range of resources to create firework pictures, cards, invitations and lots more!



Communication, Language & Literacy

This half term the children will continue to have Read, Write, Inc. lessons in order to develop their reading and comprehension skills. New letter sounds and formation rhymes will be introduced on a daily basis. The children will have access to a variety of writing provision and will be encouraged to write independently using strategies that have been taught during our Phonics lessons.

We shall be continuing to share daily stories. This half term our focused author is Michael Rosen who has written such wonderful stories such as: We're going on a bear hunt, Little rabbit foo foo, Dear fairy godmother and lots more. We are hoping this will help to develop the children's passion for reading!

How you can help at home

Please support your child and promote your child's love of reading by sharing stories with them.



Mathematical Development

This half term in Maths, we will be beginning to explore adding and subtraction using objects and Numicon. We will begin by using two groups of objects and combining the groups before counting them altogether. We will also be beginning to look at the weight of different objects and begin to compare them using measurement vocabulary.

How you can help at home

Encourage your child to count everyday objects around the house and practise number recognition using the number cards provided at parents evening. Please support them to independently add two single digit numbers together by using objects such as toys, pasta, pens etc. Ask children to describe the weight of objects around the home. Which one is heavier? Which one is the lightest?



Physical Development

This term we will continue to promote physical development by supporting children to independently put on and fasten their coats, wetsuits and shoes. Please encourage children to get dressed and undressed independently at home. We will be continuing to speak about a healthy balanced lifestyle including trying a range of food and speaking about the importance of exercise.

We also take part in Yoga sessions every Friday to promote health and wellbeing. Reception will start PE after the Christmas holidays.



Enrichment

- This half term we shall be taking a walk to the local church.
- Forest School Activities

Important Dates & Information

- **Reception Christmas Nativity**
Thursday 13th December 9:30am & 1:45pm
- **Reception Christmas Party**
Monday 17th December 12:45pm