

Communication and language

The children will be encouraged to join in with circle times as we talk about different celebrations and Christmas traditions. There will be lots of emphasis on listening to stories and sharing books. The children will develop and use their language through Christmas role-play. The children will be encouraged to ask lots of questions and use exciting new vocabulary.

Mathematics

Throughout this term we will be developing the children's ability to count, recognise and order numbers from 0 - 5. We will be working on the key skills of cardinality (the total number in a set), subitising (the ability to instantly recognise the number of objects in a set), composition of number, comparing and doubling. We will be using 0-5 number frames, identifying 1 more or less to 5. We will learn to identify and name 2d shapes and learn about night and day.

Literacy – reading and writing

We shall be sharing and reading lots of quality books this term such as 'Pumpkin Soup', 'Deepak's Diwali' and 'Dear Santa'. During our daily phonic sessions, we will continue Phase 2, following the Little Wandle scheme. The children will blend to read cvc words and some simple captions. The children will be encouraged to use their sounds to write words as they draw, write and paint. Writing activities will include writing lists, labelling autumn treasures, making thank you cards and writing letters to Father Christmas.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our School Value this term is 'Respect'. Throughout this term, the children will develop the friendships they have made whilst playing together, turn taking, sharing and learning about the need for rules. They will learn the qualities of a good friend and what it means to support each other's learning. The children will be encouraged to express their feelings and to respect the feelings of the other children and adults.

Reception Autumn Term 2 2024

Our topic this term is '**Autumn**' and '**Let's Celebrate**'. We will be learning about different celebrations around the world including Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Diwali and Christmas.

The children's interests will continually be used to inform the direction which our topics takes.

Physical Development

The children will continue to develop their fine motor skills building up to an efficient pencil grip. During our PE sessions, children will develop their fundamental movement skills including balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and travelling. Children will develop gross motor skills through a range of activities. They will learn how to stay safe using space, follow rules and instructions and work independently and with a partner.

Expressive Art and Design

The children will develop their creative skills through exploring different textures, drawing, painting and collaging pictures of different celebrations and winter scenes, such as firework pictures, poppy pictures and snowmen pictures. They will develop their imagination and role play skills through small world, puppet play and a large ride-on sleigh.

Understanding the World

During our work on Autumn, children will explore and ask questions about the natural world around them. We will then be learning about how the key celebrations of different faiths and talking about the children's own celebrations at home. The children will be encouraged to share their family Christmas experiences with the class during circle times and learn about what Christmas was like in the past. The children will be learning about the Nativity story and will learn the traditional songs ready to take part in our annual Nativity production.

How you can help

Play family games so children can practise sharing and turn taking.
Share books and stories regularly and ask your child questions about what they have read.
Help your child learn their sounds and tricky words which are uploaded onto Tapestry.
Provide emergent writing opportunities for your child, e.g. writing thank you cards, shopping lists.
Help your child learn to count, recognise and order numbers to 5 and beyond.
Help your child to put their coats, shoes, wellies, hats and gloves on independently.

Thank you.