

Reception Newsletter – Autumn 2 2024

This half term, Reception's topic is 'Let's Celebrate'. We will be learning all about celebrations. These will be celebrations from around the world, focusing on how we celebrate and how other people of different religions celebrate.

If you have any photos of your children or family enjoying a celebration it would be great if you could send them in for a class discussion!



Let's Celebrate!



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Children will learn how to express their feelings and consider the feelings of others through the zones of regulation.
- Children will learn about personal safety during celebrations which involve fireworks.
- Children will learn the importance of hygiene through daily routines of toileting and hand washing.
- The children will participate in brushing buddies, learning about oral health and how it is important in our lives.

Physical Development

- Explore Ball skills 2, understanding how we can control balls in a range of ways and use them in different sports.
- Develop fine motor skills through threading, playdough, and tweezers.
- Develop a pincer grip when writing through regular focused and non focused writing activities.
- Children to learn how to write their last name, writing letters learnt accurately.

Communication & Language

- Children will discuss how they celebrate during celebrations in full sentences, adding significant details through circle times.
- Children will learn new tier 2 and tier 3 vocabulary through the story of the week, reading, word aware and concept cat.
- Children will ask questions to learn more about different beliefs and celebrations.
- Retell the Christmas story through the Christmas nativity.

Literacy

- Children to learn how to write their last name.
- Children to learn how to write a labels and lists.
- Children will continue phase 2 phonics, daily guided reading, and individual reading within phase 2.
- Children to practise letter formation of lower case and upper-case letters through squiggle me into a writer.
- Engage in stories, identifying new vocabulary and retelling stories with this new vocabulary.

Maths

- Represent the numbers 1, 2 and 3 with objects.
- Compare 1,2 and 3 objects.
- Composition of numbers 1, 2 and 3.
- Explore shapes, circles and triangles.
- Position language for places and objects.
- Representing number to 5.
- Identifying one more and one less than numbers to 5.
- Identifying shapes which have 4 sides.

Understanding the World

- Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrations from around the world, including Diwali, Christmas and Hanukkah.
- Explore the natural world around them through seasonal changes, focusing on Autumn and Winter.
- Explore the impact of seasons on the world.

Expressive Arts & Design

- Explore the properties of playdough and how to use techniques to mould it effectively to make a Diva lamp.
- Create collaboratively with their peers to make things from a plan.
- Develop the Christmas story line through song, moving to the music.

Optional Homework Activities

- Listen to your child read their books at least 3 times a week.
- Have conversations about the celebrations you have as a family.
- Have conversations about celebrations the children have been to and what they did at the celebration.
- Counting by rote and counting 1-1 with objects.
- Writing their first and last name.

Stories

- Zim, Zam, Zoom poem.
- Ava's Poppy
- You must bring a hat.
- One snowy night.
- The Jolly Christmas postman.
- Stick man.
- The Christmas story.

Songs

- Twinkl, Twinkl Diwali light.
- The Poppy song.
- Celebrate life today.
- Celebrating winter
- I'm a little snowflake.
- 5 little Christmas trees.
- Christmas concert songs.