

EYFS Autumn 2

Understanding the World

We are going to be finding out lots about our world this half term, starting with Bonfire Night. We will learn why we celebrate it and the types of things we do to remember Guy Fawkes and the Gun Powder Plot. We will also be learning about Diwali; where this is celebrated, why and how. When exploring autumn we talk about the changes that take place during this time of year and go on a walk in our local area to see what signs we can see that tell us it's autumn. The final theme for the term is Christmas, where we will once again learn when, why and how we celebrate, before comparing the three festivals we have explored.



LET'S CELEBRATE

This half term we are going to be exploring a variety of festivals and celebrations. We will begin learning about Bonfire Night and why it is celebrated, followed by an exploration of the Hindu festival of light; Diwali. We will then spend time finding out about the changes that take place during autumn, before turning our attention to all things CHRISTMAS!

Expressive Arts & Design

During the first week, when celebrating Bonfire Night, we will be participating in lots of firework art, including chalk firework pictures, making rockets and large firework 'splat' paintings (always messy!). 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. During our autumn theme we will make leaf pictures inspired by the book 'Leaf Man', print with leaves and make seasonal calendars. 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, whilst learning the oral counting pattern to 20 and beyond. We will recap making comparisons between quantities and introduce the idea of 'equal' to describe when groups are the same size. We will explore the composition of numbers 3, 4 and 5; investigating the 'parts' these numbers can be made of. We will finish the half term learning to recognise and describe 2D shapes and spotting these in and around our environment, as well using positional language to describe the position of Christmas presents around a Christmas tree.



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 be continuing with our multi-skills sessions; playing lots of games that enable us to practise moving safely, avoiding obstacles, finding spaces and listening and responding to simple instructions.



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

Through Forest Schools we will be exploring autumn and winter and the changes that take place. Using Percy the Park Keeper as our focus story we will be role playing being park keepers-sweeping leaves and looking after our environment. We will also be leaf threading, building dens and animal homes, creating clay leaf prints and making leaf wreaths and crowns.



