

Our topic for this half-term is

Let's Celebrate!

EYFS children will be learning about different festivals and celebrations including Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday, Autumn, Birthdays and Christmas.

Our Talk for Writing text is  
The Gingerbread Man.

Physical Development

PE lessons for this half term will continue to be led by Coach Abdoullah.

We will continue to develop fine motor skills development through activities such as cutting, threading, drawing, letter formation and use of malleable materials.

Understanding the World

Children will be learning about different celebrations. Children will learn about similarities and differences between themselves and others and among families, communities and traditions.

Mathematics

Maths will continue to have a number focus. Children will continue to recognise and count numbers up to 20, consolidating their understanding of what numbers are in the concrete, pictorially and in the abstract (i.e. recognising numerals). There will also be a focus on Shape, Space and Measure. Children will develop their understanding of Pattern and Shape, using mathematical language to describe both 2D and 3D shapes. There will also be a focus on creating patterns and continuing repeating patterns and learning about size, length and weight.

Literacy

Our story telling focus will be The Gingerbread Man. This will support various writing tasks, for example adding captions to pictures from the story. Other texts will include non-fiction texts about Bonfire Night, Diwali and Birthday Celebrations. We will continue to follow the Letters and Sounds Programme to deliver our daily Phonics sessions.

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Expressive Arts and Design

Children will continue to build a repertoire of songs and dances including Christmas songs in preparation for the EYFS Nativity. They will have opportunities to explore and use different textures and understand that different media can be combined to create different effects.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term children will develop their confidence to speak to others about their needs, wants, interests and opinions. They will be encouraged to describe themselves in positive terms and talk about their abilities. They will develop their awareness of the boundaries set and of behavioural expectations.

Communication and Language

Our curriculum continues to have a strong focus on speaking and listening. These skills will be developed using Talk Partners through activities including hot seating and storytelling. Children will have the opportunity to respond to a range of questions and extend their conversational skills by asking relevant questions. Specific vocabulary will be taught linked to the topic.