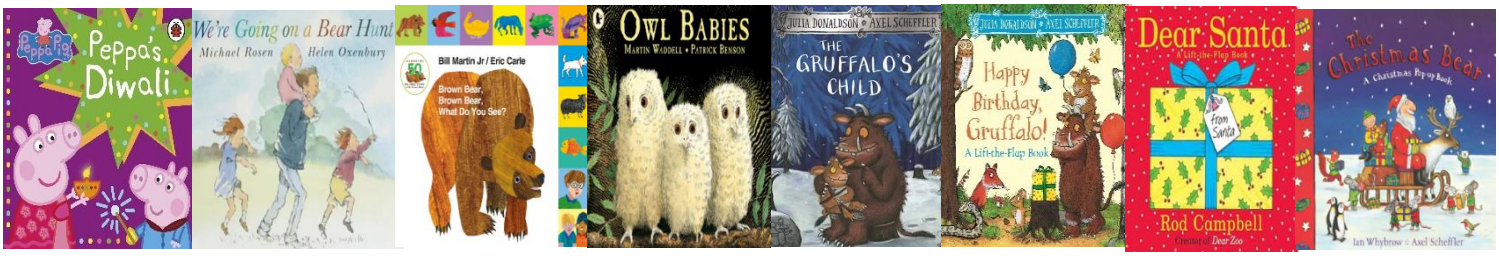
Nursery Learning
Our topic this term is 'A Time to Celebrate!'



This half-term we will be learning about celebrations such as Halloween, Bonfire Night, Thanks Giving, Remembrance Day and Christmas. We will be talking about family traditions and how they differ from people in other countries.
Below outlines how the topic links to the EYFS curriculum.

COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE

Children begin to respond to simple instructions such as "get your coat" and "line up". They will begin to gesture and point to objects when asked about them. Children will begin to engage in extended conversations about stories, learn new vocabulary, and begin to build short sentences.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The children will begin to show 'effortful control'. Be increasingly able to talk about and manage their emotions in a safe way. They will begin to gain confidence and become more independent when selecting an activity of their choice.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Children will move around in a range of ways, and continue to develop their core strength when balancing, riding, and navigating our outside space with curiosity and enthusiasm. We will listen to music and move our bodies to the rhythm, as we continue to develop our love for learning new songs. The children will handle and manipulate a range of equipment and tools effectively, and start to show a preference of hand. We will be using our large muscle movements to move over and under things in a variety of ways.

MATHS

Children will be learning to count everyday objects and begin to assign number names to items. They will begin to solve real world mathematical problems using concrete materials. They will be able to compare sizes using the language bigger, smaller, taller and heavy, and begin to react to changes of amounts up to 3.

LITERACY

Children will seek out their favourite books to share with their peers. They will be able to explore different sounds through playing musical instruments and going on listening walks. They will explore drawing freely and begin to give meanings to their marks.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

Children will be confident to talk about their environment and use all their senses in hands on exploration of natural materials, and begin to respond to the seasonal changes.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

Children will be able to develop their own ideas and express themselves in a variety of ways when planning our Christmas crafts. They will be able to join a variety of materials. They will be confident to explore role play and music. They will develop complex stories into their role play and small world play using their imagination.

WORLD® Nursery Rhyme Week

9th to 13th November 2026

Dates for your diary

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October – Half term

Monday 2nd November – INSET Day, school closed for pupils

Tuesday 3rd November – school opens for pupils

Wednesday 11th November – Remembrance Day

Friday 13th November – Children in Need

Monday 16th November – Odd Socks Day – Anti – bullying week

Tuesday 1st December - Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 9th December – Christmas Dinner Day – Christmas Jumpers

Thursday 10th December – Christmas Disco

Friday 18th December - Christmas Party AM

If you have any questions please come and see us or contact Mrs Waldron

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