

Reception learning Autumn 2023

Our topic this term is Let's Celebrate!



This half term we will be learning about celebrations such as Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas. We will be talking about how people have different beliefs and celebrate in different ways as well as talking about our own traditions.

Below outlines how the topic links to the EYFS curriculum.

COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE Children will learn to understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important. They will learn new vocabulary and learn how to use it through the day. Children will begin to engage in story times as well as listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding. Children will talk about what they have celebrated and describe events in some detail.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT Children will continue to develop the relationships they have formed this year. Children will practise sharing and taking turns with their friends and express their feelings and consider the feelings of others. They will develop their resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. We will be talking about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT Children will revise and refine the fundamental movement skills they have already acquired: - rolling - walking - running - skipping - crawling - jumping - hopping - climbing and progress towards a more fluent style of moving, with developing control and grace. They will use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor.

MATHS Children will use a range of vocabulary to describe position. They will talk about their daily routine and think about what happens in the day and night using language such as first, then, day, night, today, tomorrow. Children will recap composition of numbers to 5 and practise subitising to 5 before exploring the numbers 6-10.

LITERACY Through our phonics programme children will learn to read individual letters by saying the sounds for them. They will blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of known letter-sound correspondences. Children will read some letter groups that each represent one sound and say sounds for them.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD Children will learn about different celebrations and recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate in different ways. They will continue to explore the natural world around them, describing what they hear, see and feel while outside.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN Children will explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings. Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them. Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills.

Help at home



We hope that your child enjoys sharing books at home. We have sent your child home with a book that matches their current reading ability. Please ensure that this book and diary is brought back to school each week and we will change it for a new book every Tuesday and Friday. Please take time to read the book with your child and talk about the story and characters. Every day you read with your child they will get a point towards their next rainbow reader badge!



CBeebies Storytime app



BookTrust website

Dates for your diary

Monday 6th November – INSET day. School closed to all pupils.

Tuesday 7th November – School reopens to all pupils

Friday 10th November – Trip to the theatre

13th – 17th November – World Nursery Rhyme Week.

Monday 20th November – Trip to Tamworth Castle

Thursday 30th November – Farm on Wheels

Friday 1st December Arthur Christmas day – children to come to school in pyjamas, hot chocolate treat and watching the movie in the afternoon.

Wednesday 6th December – Christmas Fayre 3pm-5pm

Tuesday 12th December - Christmas Carols performed to 2 family members

Thursday 14th December - Family Christmas craft afternoon 1.30 – 3.00. Unfortunately due to space we are only able to accommodate one adult per child.

Friday 22nd December – Christmas Party AM, break up for Christmas

Friday 22nd December – School closes at the end of the day for Christmas holidays.

Monday 8th January – School reopens to all pupils.

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

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