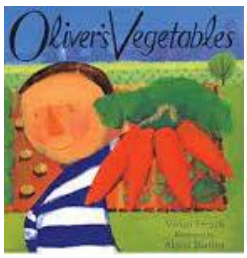
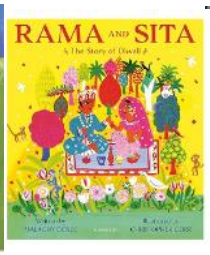
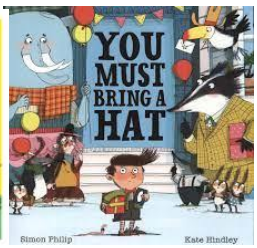
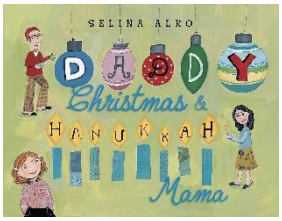
Reception learning Autumn 2026

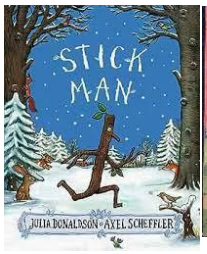
Our topic this term is Let's Celebrate!

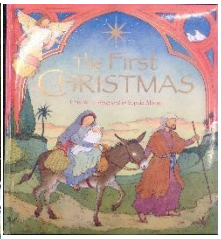












This half term we will be learning about celebrations such as Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas. We will be talking about how people have different beliefs and celebrate in different ways as well as talking about our own traditions.

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 be subitising to 5 and exploring the composition of the numbers 6-9. Children will be learning about odd and even numbers as well as doubles.

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 **Wednesday**. 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!

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 – Anti – bullying week – Odd Socks Day, please come to school wearing odd socks and fire safety talk

Thursday 19th November – Indian Dance Workshop

Tuesday 1st December - Christmas Fayre 3-5pm

Monday 7th December – Walk to the post box to post letters to Santa

Tuesday 8th December – Christmas Craft Afternoon 1.45-2.45 – **1 adult per child** due to space

Thursday 10th December – Disco – 3pm – 3.45pm

Tuesday 15th December - Christmas Play 9.15am

Friday 18th December - Christmas Party AM

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

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