

Let's Celebrate - Reception - Autumn Term 2nd Half 2023

Overview of topic		What we will learn		
This half term in Reception our topic is Let's Celebrate. We will be talking about some of the celebrations that children participate in with their families, such as new babies, birthdays and religious celebrations including Christmas, Diwali and Hanukkah. We will also be working on our self-confidence and self-esteem through our PSHE lessons. We will be continuing to develop our fine motor skills by using small tools, mark making and making things at the art table. In phonics we will be learning new sounds and revising the sounds covered last half term, as well as learning some new tricky words. In maths we will be looking at 2D and	Phonics Phoneme, grapheme, tricky word, blend, segment, digraph f- IE Literacy Celebrations, family, babies, invitation, baby, birthday, nativity, Maths Shape and space: Roll, stack, push, curved, straight, round, corners, face, edge, sides, square, rectangle, circle, triangle, sphere, cube, cuboid, cylinder, cone, in, on, below, under, above, in front of, behind, next to, up, down, across. Number: Count, forwards, backwards, how many, first, then, now, one less, one more, order, fewer, take away, add, altogether, part, whole	Key texts	So Much, There's Going To Be A Baby, Kipper's Birthday, When's My Birthday, Pick a Pine Tree, The Nativity, The Snowman Snowman Nursery rhymes: Ten In A Bed, The Grand Old Duke Of York	
3D shapes and finding shapes in our environment. We will also be exploring one more and one less than a number within 5. We will learn how to use a part whole model when we learn our number bonds		Personal Social and emotional Development	To see themselves as a valuable individual with unique strengths and abilities. To build constructive and respectful relationships.	
to 5.		Communication and Language	Talking about celebrations that we partake in with our families and recalling our experiences.	
By the end of the half term, what knowledge, skills and experiences will the children have had? Knowledge – The children will learn about a variety		Fine motor skills	Confidently and safely use a range of large and small apparatus indoors and outside. Developing cutting skills, hand-eye coordination, letter formation.	
of celebrations across many different cultures and religions. They will share their own family		Gross motor skills	Revise and refine the fundamental movement skills they have already acquired. Confidently and safely use a range of large and small apparatus indoors and outside.	
<u>Skills</u> – The children will develop their fine and gross motor skills, reading and mark making skills, and vocabulary and story sequencing skills.		Maths	To compare groups within 5. Talk about the characteristics of 2D and 3D shapes and build, describe and sort common shapes. Find one more and one less than a number within 5 and demonstrate this using a 5 frame.	



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Experiences – Making bird feeders for winter, Baking a cake and discuss ingredients, Show and tell, tasting special foods from around the world as part of our all about me/celebrations, performing in the Nativity, learning Christmas carols, Christmas craft day.			Tell a first, then, now stories when talking about one more and one less. To use the language of wholes and parts and split a whole into two parts. Use positional language and give instructions using in/on/below/under/up/down/across
Key Dates 30.10.23 – Second A term starts for childe 31.10.23 – Individual photos Guy Fawkes (5.11.23 Diwali (12.11.23) Hanukkah (7.12.23) 11.12.23 – Nativity E Rehearsal 14 & 15.12.23 Nativity 21.12.23	30.10.23 – Second Autumn term starts for children 31.10.23 – Individual & Sibling photos Guy Fawkes (5.11.23) Diwali (12.11.23) Hanukkah (7.12.23) 11.12.23 – Nativity Dress Rehearsal 14 & 15.12.23 Nativity 21.12.23 Church Service St Martins @ 10	Literacy - Reading	To recognise directionality of print. To use 1-1 correspondence. Read individual letters by saying the sounds for them. Read short words made up of known letter-sound correspondences.
		Literacy - Writing	Writing based on our celebrations and stories, mark making, emergent writing and captions using phase 2 sounds and tricky words.
		Phonics	Read individual letters by saying the sounds for them. To blend/segment CVC words and reading 'tricky words' HFW: get, can, got, on, dog, not, cat, up, mum, put, has, had, oh, him, his, big, has, he, she, me, we, be, of, if, off, you, my, they, for, will, all, went, was, from, help, too, her, with, are, yes, then, them, this, that, said. Sounds: o c k ck u r h b f ff l ll ss j v w x y z zz qu ch sh th(v) th ng oo
		Understanding the World	To recognise that people, have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways. Explore the embankment area and making observations of seasonal changes, bark and leaf rubbings, learning about hibernation and animals in winter, e.g. making bird feeders and hedgehog house, designing a clay hedgehog
		Expressive Arts and Design Songs and rhymes we will know	To join in and participate in the Nativity, learning new songs. To draw inspiration from their core texts and re-enact them in the role play area.



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