



What are we learning about this half term?

Our learning this half term will be based around the theme of '**Celebrations**'. We started our new topic off this week with an 'Autumn' theme, where we have celebrated seasonal changes and enjoyed all things to do with pumpkins! Over the next few weeks we will focus on Bonfire Night, Diwali, Birthdays and Christmas. We will be exploring family traditions and how events during these celebrations are similar and different.

Literacy

As readers, we will be;

- Segmenting sounds in words and blending them together to read words
- Learn letter sounds, names and actions
- Building our knowledge of keywords

As writers, we will be;

- Breaking our sentence down into individual words so we can write it
- Writing a range of patterns including dots, waves and zig-zags to prepare for letter formation

Mathematics

As mathematicians we will;

- Name and describe 'flat' 2D shapes
- Use familiar objects and common shapes to create and recreate patterns
- Find one more and one less from a group of objects
- Find the total number of two groups by counting all of them
- Use the vocabulary involved in addition and subtraction

Understanding of the World

- As scientists we make observations and talk about what we notice.
- As geographers, we will explore how festivals are celebrated in different countries.
- As historians, we will identify family customs and routines.
- As spiritual thinkers, we will be reflecting on Diwali, Advent and Christmas.
- As computer technicians, we will be creating firework pictures using paint software and use computer programs to practice our reading and number skills.

Expressive Arts and Design

- As musicians, we will explore the different sounds of instruments and use them to represent fireworks and the seasons. We will learn songs linked to celebrations and for our Christmas play.
- As artists, we will experiment with colour to create pictures and patterns.
- As designers we will use clay to create coil pots.
- As dramatists, we will be learning our parts for the Christmas play.

Physical Development

- As gymnasts, we will experiment with different ways of moving.
- As dancers, we will be creating movements in response to music.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will be explaining our knowledge and understanding and asking appropriate questions of others.

School Value

- Our whole school value for this term is 'Service'.

Class Routines

- P.E. will continue to be on Fridays and Sport on Tuesdays. Swimming lessons will be on a Wednesday morning.
- Reading books will be changed twice a week. Please remember to write in your child's planner to let us know how reading and keywords are going at home.
- 'Bug Club' books have been allocated for this month to enjoy at home.