

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

- Celebrating difference.
- Showing respect for similarities and differences.
- Anti-Bullying and being unique.
- Golden ticket – Respect

Physical Development:

- Funky finger activities
- Outdoor physical play
- Pencil control and development
- Mark making
- Learning to handle tools safely
- PE focus – Ball skills

Communication and language:

- Follow instructions
- Role play and collaborative play
- Engage in non-fiction books and talk about own experiences.
- Learn new vocabulary as we talk about festivals and celebrations.
- Learn and listen to rhymes, poems and songs.
- The children will share their 'news' throughout the week
- Engage in story times throughout the school day.
- Listen to and talk about stories with our teachers and friends.
- Begin to describe events in some detail

Maths:

- Explore different representations of 1, 2 and 3.
- Match the verbal number names to numerals and quantities.
- Recognise that the final number they say is the quantity in that set.
- Circles and triangles.
- Describe circles and triangles and their properties.
- Notice and recognise shapes
- Explore numbers up to 5
- Count to support one-to-one correspondence
- Explore finding different representations of 4 and 5
- Exploring shapes with 4 sides

Literacy:

- Make lists
- Record initial sounds to Represent meaning.
- 'Segment and count sounds when writing.
- Recognise and identify letters and sounds.
- Daily Phonics input.
- Read some VC and CVC words and begin to read tricky words.

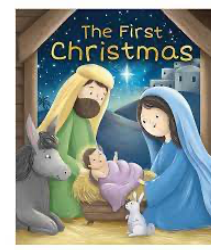
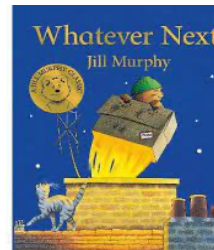
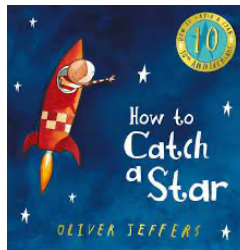
Understanding the World:

- Bonfire night
- Diwali
- Recognise that people have different beliefs.
- Remembrance Day
- Christmas
- Carol service – special places in the community.
- Talk about people from the past

Expressive arts and design:

- Remembrance Day crafts
- Diva lamps
- Poetry basket
- Christmas craft
- Christmas performance

Let there be light!



Our Learning Value:

Respect

Healthy Mind: Relax Kids, Circle times, Jigsaw.: Celebrating difference

Healthy Body: Gross motor activities, PE, Forest

Healthy Eating: Learning to make healthy choices during snack and lunchtimes, drinking water throughout the day to keep hydrated.



Term: Autumn 2 (2024)

Year group: Reception

Rationale: This half-term we will be learning about festivals of light and special celebrations. We will talk about celebrations and events that are important to us and compare these to Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. We will read a range of high quality texts as we explore light and dark and will ask questions about day, night time and space.

Our Learning Journey

Week 1 - This week we will be learning about Diwali, the festival of light. We will listen to the Story of Rama and Sita and make diva lamps from clay, we will also create some lovely fire work pictures. As a Special treat we look forward to taking part in a Diwali Dance workshop!

Week 2 - This week we will be finding out about Remembrance Day. We will learn about the significance of the poppy and talk about bravery and courage. We will make our own poppies and learn about the jobs that people in the Armed Forces do.

Week 3 - This week we will enjoy the story, 'How to catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers. We will then use our imagination as we think of ways in which we could catch a star of our own.

Week 4- This week our focus story will be 'Whatever next' by Jill Murphy. We will discuss what we would take to the moon with us by making lists as we practise our writing.

During Weeks 5 and 6- Christmas will arrive in Reception! We will be getting busy making cards and Christmas crafts for our loved ones. We will be singing lots of songs and sharing a wide range of Christmas stories as well as performing our Christmas Play!

Week 7 - For the last week of term, we will have a special Christmas Celebration and enjoy a Christmas Movie together.

Outcomes for children: *They will appreciate and learn about our celebrations and celebrations from other cultures and religions.*