Curriculum Overview

Year: Reception
Autumn 2 2026

Communication and Language Literacy

During this topic, we will continue to develop your child's speaking skills by providing lots of opportunities for discussions as a class or in small groups.

Through Non- Fiction books your child will learn about celebrations from different cultures.

Through our Super 6 Poems. The children will learn to recite poetry off by heart.

We will re-read our class favourites so that your child can begin to retell stories in their own words.

We will reflect on our previous topic by sharing our class learning journey and talk about what we have learned using well- formed sentences.

We will revisit taught sounds in our phonics lessons and focus on blending sounds to read words. Through our guided reading sessions we will apply our blending skills and attempt to read simple sentences.
We will begin to write simple words such as cat, dog, man or tap.



These are some of our focus texts.

Theme for this term:

Our theme for this half term is
'Let's Celebrate!'



The children will learn about the different celebrations that might happen during the year Eg. Bonfire Night, Christmas, Birthdays, Diwali and how we celebrate them at home and how other people might celebrate them differently.

Physical Education

Children will explore movement to music, through moving in different ways to match different celebrations, eg fireworks, creating a carnival dance, birthday party games, such as musical statues or even trying some Bhangra dancing to Indian music.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term the children will explore the people who are special to them, developing skills for sharing and taking turns and celebrating their individual interests and differences.

Mathematics

In Maths the children will be learning to identfy, name and describe some basic 2D shapes, including circles, triangles, squares and rectangles.They will learn some language to decsribe them such as *round, sides, corners, straight.* They will explore shapes by feeling them and looking for them in their environment.
The children will learn to use positional language to describe where an object is such as on, under, behind or infront.

In our Number lessons, the children will move onto counting up to 5, representing numbers to 5, exploring composition to 5, subitising to 5 and finding one more an one less to 5.

Understanding the World Expressive Arts and Desian

Your child will create firework art through printing.
They will create a Diva lamp using clay to link to the celebration Diwali.
They will collaborate to create a large scale collage of a birthday cake.
They will produce a Christmas card and calendar design.
Our focus Artist is the Russian painter- Kadinsky. The children will create a piece of art in the style of Kadinsky.

They will learn about celebrations in different cultures and make comparisons to our celebrations, exploring places of worship. We will look back at a birthday from the past and talk about what we did.
We will explore the changing seasons as we approach Winter.