

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

Within our second term we will be looking at lots of smaller themes under the title 'Let's Celebrate!' Through these themes we will be exploring the world around us and learning about special events and celebrations. Alongside the children's own initiated learning there will be adult directed activities to extend their learning...



Prime Areas

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We have made lots of close friendships in our first term of school and this term we will continue to develop these relationships while taking part in lots of activities. Everyone has shown an increase in confidence and we will continue to develop this through regularly sharing our thoughts and ideas with the rest of the class. We are looking forward to performing in our first ever Nativity and getting ready to perform our song in front of a large audience!

Communication, Language and Literacy

There are always lots of opportunities to develop our communication skills and this term we will be using our super listening powers to continue to listen to the sounds that letters make and orally blending the sounds to read words. We will have time to talk about the world around us and share our own experiences of our themes with the class.

Physical Development

Our fine motor skills will be focused on letter formation as we will continue learn to write letters. We will continue to strengthen our hands with our Dough Disco and there will be a different challenge in our Finger Gym and Snappy Fingers tables each week. Our self-care skills will be challenged as we will be regularly putting on wellies and coats to explore the cold and wet autumnal weather! In our PE lessons we will be focusing on different ways to move and controlling our bodies in the space around us.

Specific Areas

Literacy

This term we will be continuing to learn more letters and the sounds they make. We have already learned some and have been practising our 'school writing' with the whoosh ins and whoosh outs on our letters. We will be learning to read tricky words as well as captions and short sentences. We will also be applying all the skills we have learned and will hopefully be writing some letters to Father Christmas near the end of the term!

Mathematics

Our maths work this term will be focused on patterns and shapes. We will be looking at repeating and symmetrical patterns and making some of our own. We will be learning the mathematical names for shapes and use these shapes to create pictures.

Understanding the World

There will be lots of focus on this area as we learn about Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas and how these festivals are celebrated around the world. We will be exploring the world around us while learning about Autumn and observing the changes in the environment during this season.

Expressive Arts and Design

There will be lots of opportunities to develop our creative skills this term. We will be making bonfires and firework pictures, Autumn themed art and of course lots of Christmas decorations. We will be learning our songs of the Nativity as well as developing our imagination in our newly renovated role-play areas!