

## Autumn 2 Celebrations



### Focus Topics

This term the children will have the opportunity to immerse into different texts to help them deepen their understanding of different celebrations. These are:

**Sparks in the Sky.**

**Dipal's Diwali.**

**Happy Birthday Winnie.**

**The First Thanksgiving.**

**The Christmas Story**

### Physical Development

This term we will be focusing on **a Fundamentals**. We will practise running skillfully around obstacles, changing direction, jumping and balancing. They will manage personal hygiene and using equipment safely with increasing control. The children will also develop their tripod grip to form some recognisable letters.

**How to help at home:**

Practise undoing and fastening buttons, practise taking off and putting on jumpers.

Please label all school uniform and shoes.

### Communication and Language

The children will be encouraged to use vocabulary based on their own experiences, and feed this into their pretend play too, they will develop their ability to answer how and why questions. We will practise understanding and using prepositions such as under, over, behind etc.

**How to help at home:**

Ask them to tell you about their day and use how and why questions to help them extend their explanations.

### Understanding the World

This term we will have lots of fun exploring celebrations. They children will talk about significant events in their own experience and recognise special times for their family and friends, we will talk about similarities and differences and how we are all unique.

**How to help at home:**

Talk about the celebrations you have in your family. How can your child help you prepare?

### Mathematics

The children will be exploring repeated patterns, along with 2D shapes and their properties. We will develop our use of mathematical language by exploring size, shape and position. We will practise counting objects beyond 10, comparing sets that have more and less and finding 1 more and less than a given number.

**How to help at home:**

Practise counting around the house, how many stairs? How many spoons?

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will support the children to demonstrate friendly behaviour and explore what the word 'respect means'. Respecting others and also expecting respect themselves. The children will be given lots of opportunities to talk to others about their family and community and how they differ from each other.

**How to help at home:**

Talk to your child about differences and similarities in your family and how everyone is unique and special.

### Literacy

We will be looking closer at the stories that we read and talk about the beginning, middle and end, the characters, settings and events. We will be exploring rhyme and alliteration. The children will practise recognising familiar signs and logos too. They will continue on their letters and sounds journey and use their developing knowledge to hear and say some initial and end sounds and begin to segment and blend words, writing some sounds in order too. Wow! We will write firework sounds, birthday cards, menus, and Christmas lists.

**How to help at home:**

Help your children with their Letters and Sounds

Key Events : November...Diwali WOW day    December... Nativity Performance