



Our topic this half-term will focus on different celebrations that are occurring at this time of year such as Diwali, Guru Nanak's Birthday, Hannukah and Christmas as well as other celebrations such as birthdays and weddings.

If you have any questions or would like to email me, please email the address below:

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Thank you
Mrs Griffiths

Gross and Fine Motor Skills

Children will continue to use pencils and other mark-making materials comfortably. They will continue to develop their fine motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently including scissors, paintbrushes, knives, forks and spoons. Outside, children will have opportunities for large muscle movements and agility-based activities such as balancing, jumping and climbing.



Communication and Language

Children will learn lots of new vocabulary throughout this half term and will be encouraged to use this throughout the day. They will begin to connect ideas together in their speech and speak in full sentences. They will engage in daily story-time sessions and will learn poems, songs and rhymes.

Children will ask questions to find out more and check that they understand what has been said to them.



Writing and Reading

Children will consolidate the sounds learnt in Autumn 1 and learn new sounds. They will learn single letter sounds and special friends – this is when a sound is made with two or three letters.

Children will learn to blend sounds together to read words. They will make words using



magnets, sound cards and within their writing when ready to do so. Children will listen to many stories and non-fiction books linked to celebrations and festivals.

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Autumn 2 2024**

What Are We Celebrating?



Mathematics

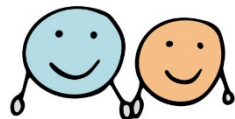


The children will learn to sequence familiar events and activities using language such as *first, next, then and finally*.

They will compare sets of objects using *more, fewer and the same/equal*. Children will continue to practise numeral formation. They will learn about matching values e.g., 4+1 is equal to 5. Children will learn the names and properties of common 2D shapes and will create pictures with shapes. They will learn positional language such as *on, under, next to, behind and in front*.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will continue to build relationships with other children in the class and around the school, as well as with adults. They will show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. They will think about the perspectives of others and consider their feelings.



Expressive Arts and Design

Children will listen to music, move to music and talk about music, expressing their feelings and opinions. We will be learning a song and performing as part of the school's Christmas Show later this half term. The children will have many opportunities to explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects through adult-led and child-led activities.



Understanding the World

Children will recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways. They will understand that some places are special to members of their community, especially during celebrations. As we enter into the Winter months the children will have opportunities to explore the effect of the changing seasons on the natural world around them.

