

YEAR GROUP: Pre-School

DATE: November / December 2023

TIME ALLOCATION: Autumn 2

TEACHERS: Miss Dutton

Literacy

This half-term we will be reading lots of stories to support us with our understanding of different celebrations. We will be reading, "Little Glow", "Winnie the Witch", and "Where the Poppies Now Grow", among lots of others.

We will be thinking about how we can describe sounds and learning new words that we can use when thinking about what we can hear.

Maths

In maths we will begin to learn numbers 1 and 2. We will be going on number hunts, trying to find these numbers and also looking at what these numbers look like.

We will continue working on patterns and noticing patterns around our environment.

Understanding the World

Pre-School will be exploring Remembrance Day, Guy Fawkes, and the Christmas Story. They will also be thinking about the various ways different countries mark celebrations.

We will also be investigating what is inside a pumpkin.

Me and My World of Celebrations



WHY?

We will be learning about celebrations to begin to explore ideas on how people can be different. We will be using this as an opportunity to explore different beliefs, cultures, and countries. This will also give us an opportunity to explore and discuss our own beliefs and traditions.

WOW:

We will be having a magical Pre-School Christmas Party.

OUTCOME:

The children will enjoy celebrating different festivals and begin to understand how everyone is different.

Communication and Language

This half-term, we will be talking about a range of celebrations in different countries and cultures. We will begin to develop an understanding of how these are similar to our own celebrations.

We will be developing our confidence by practising our songs to perform at our Teapots and Carols event.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be continuing to develop our friendships over this half-term, working with our peers to extend and develop our ideas. We will also be developing our understanding of our own feelings, and those of our friends.

Physical Development

This term, Pre-School will be practising a dance to perform at our Christmas Teapots and Carols event.

We will also be developing our independence by dressing up in costumes linked to the different celebrations we are learning about. Pre-School will continue with Dough-Disco and Scarf Dance sessions to help develop our gross and fine motor skills.

Expressive Arts and Design

In EAD, we will be using a range of materials to make artwork relating to the different celebrations we are learning about. We will be using clay to make and decorate diya lamps, and will be exploring different media to celebrate our celebrations.

SMSC

We will be particularly focusing on manners and thinking about other people's needs over the course of this topic.

BRITISH VALUES

We will be finding out about respect for others as well as incorporating ideas about why we have rules, deciding things together and why it's OK to have different ideas.

TOPIC HOMEWORK

We will be using our phonics knowledge to engage in reading at home.

ASSESSMENT

In the Early Years, we assess children continuously by observing what they do, talking to them about their thinking and looking at the work that they produce.