

YEAR GROUP: Reception

DATE: November / December 2023

TIME ALLOCATION: Autumn 2

TEACHERS: Miss O'Connor & Miss Byers

Literacy

This half-term, we will be reading lots of stories to support 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 learning how to segment words into the phonemes and graphemes we have learnt so far in phonics to enable us to write words.

Maths

In maths, we will begin to learn about shape, and will be focussing on circles, triangles, and shapes with four sides. We will also be looking at the numbers 1 to 5 in more detail. We will continue to develop our subitising skills, finding different ways to represent these numbers, and exploring their composition.

Understanding the World

Reception will be exploring Remembrance Day, Guy Fawkes, and the Nativity story. They will also be thinking about the various ways different countries mark celebrations.

We will also be using our super science skills to investigate and explore what's inside a pumpkin.

Me and My World of Celebrations



WHY?

We will be learning about celebrations to deepen the children's understanding of 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 travelling by coach to watch a Christmas performance at the theatre.

OUTCOME:

The children will experience a memorable moment, and get into the festive spirit!

Communication and Language

This half-term, we will be talking about a range of celebrations in different countries and cultures. We will be developing our understanding of the similarities and differences between these celebrations.

We will also be developing our confidence by practising speaking in front of an audience for our Christmas performance.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be continuing to develop our friendships over this half-term, working collaboratively 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, Reception will be developing their fine motor skills through a range of art activities, including cutting and manipulating clay.

We will also be continuing with our weekly PE sessions, using a range of apparatus to develop our gross motor skills. This half-term, we will also be learning and practising dances for our Nativity performance.

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 creating artwork to celebrate bonfire night and Remembrance Day.

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.