Reception - Autumn Term 2



Understanding the World

Children will learn about a range of celebrations and festivals including Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas. They will discover similarities and differences between our country and culture and others. They will also explore the natural world and understand where our food comes from.

We will do some cooking ourselves to learn how to make food eaten in these celebrations!

Communication and Language

Important communication skills and confidence will be developed through practising for the EYFS Nativity. They will develop attention, clarity and turn taking. Children will be exposed to a wide range of vocabulary linked to food including healthy eating, and also instruction words. Children will further develop their listening skills.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During 'Anti-bullying week' (week commencing 11th November) and 'Odd Socks Day', we will be focusing on our school value of kindness and different ways we can be kind.

We will also be understanding what makes us different and 'Choosing Respect'. We respect each other's differences.

Expressive Arts and Design

During learning about Diwali, the children will create Rangoli patterns, make their own Diya lamp and discover clothing and jewellery for different celebrations.

We will be exploring printing and create our own artwork by printing using different vegetables.

We will observe a dance for Diwali and also learning dances for our Nativity performances!

Maths

This term we will identify circles and triangles in the environment, learn about shapes with four sides and find, subitise and represent the numbers 4 and 5, as well as identifying 1 more and 1 less than a given number.

Food Glorious Food!



How do we use food to celebrate?

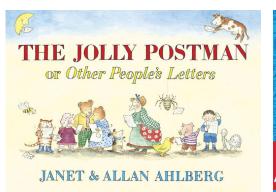
Physical Development

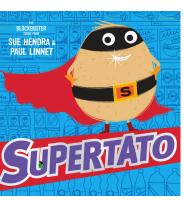
Children will continue to develop their fine motor skills and pencil control which will in turn help them form their letters correctly.

Literacy

Children have begun to work in focus groups at their phonics level to read a steadily increasing number of sounds and are beginning to blend these sounds together to read words.

We will be describing celebrations using our senses - sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch. The children will also be responding to key texts including Supertato and the Jolly Postman.







Music

- Revising familiar and learning new Autumn and Winter seasonal songs
- Learning how to use our voices more confidently, singing solo and in small groups
- Continuing to play along to music and songs with instruments and props
- For performance skills; preparing songs and dances for our end of year celebrations

Spanish

- Comida para alimentarnos: elecciones saludables.
- Comida para compartir: la importancia de los modales a la mesa.
- Celebrando la diferencia Diwali (festival de la luz), Janucá (Tradición sefardí) y Navidad (Instrumentos tradicionales ibéricos).

PE

- Run and catching games
- Hand-eye coordination with big balls
- Bouncing exercises
- Rhythm and movement