



Nursery Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

November 2019

Celebrations



Dear Parents/Carers

Our topic this half term is called 'Celebrations!' We will be finding out about different cultures and faiths by sharing and celebrating a range of practices and special events including Diwali and Bonfire Night, 'Children in Need' and of course our main focus will be Christmas. Please see the attached overview of the activities we have planned.



Just a few other things to mention.

Dates for Your Diary

15th November—Children in Need

6th December—Christmas Fair

13th December—Christmas Jumper Day and Singing for Parents day.

19th December—Nursery Christmas Party

20th December—School Closes for Christmas!



Singing for Parents Day—Friday 13th December

Parents are invited to come to school at 10.30am (Morning Parents) or 2.15pm (Afternoon Parents) for a performance of Christmas songs.

Outdoor Clothing

As the weather gets colder could you please ensure your child has appropriate clothing everyday for playing outdoors. Please could we ask that you name everything to avoid mix ups in the cloakroom.

Home Learning

Each half term there are ideas on the topic overview for activities that can be carried out at home. Thank you to all the parents who completed some of the ideas from the last topic and brought them in to share with us. They are currently being displayed on our Gallery Wall. It would be lovely to see some more this half term.

Thank you,

Mrs Travers and the Nursery Team.

Marvellous Me

PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT - Making Relationships, Self-Confidence and Self-Awareness & Managing Feelings and Behaviour

Circle time—What does the word celebration mean? Why do we celebrate? What have you celebrated with your family?

Lots of opportunities for children to become more independent and build their confidence in social situations.

E.g. preparing for the Christmas performance.

Scarf activities— There's no one quite like me!

- My name - build up name using letters on Duplo blocks; match letters of name using pegs, lolly sticks etc; write initial letter in chalk then paint over.
- Name hunt.
- Sing Willaby Wallaby (E.g. Willaby Wallaby Wavers my name is Mrs Travers).
- Home corner - role play clothes to explore different cultural backgrounds.
- Snack time - have a range of foods to represent home cultures. E.g. Poppadoms and mango chutney, Noodles, croissants, Nachos and Salsa, Pitta and Humus.



COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE - Listening and Attention, Understanding & Speaking

Singing Time - Learning songs and rhymes about Autumn and celebrations and particularly Christmas

5 Little Leaves

5 Little Snowflakes

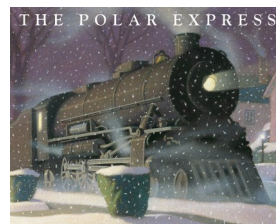
Autumn Leaves are Falling Down

Lots of Christmas songs

Number songs and phonic songs

Focused Stories -

- Rama and Sita (Story of Diwali)
- The story of Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night
- The Nativity Story
- The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg
- The Night Before Christmas by Clement C. Moore
- Child of the week stories.



LITERACY - Reading & Writing

- **Singing** - learning our topic based songs.
- Lots of stories encouraging children to join in with repeated refrains, make predictions and answer questions about the plot or characters.
- Phonic based activities - Alliteration and introducing the sounds 's' 'a' 't' 'p' 'i' 'n' and 'm'.
- Letter hunts—Children will look for the focus letters in the environment both indoors and outdoors.
- Name writing—lots of fun based activities to encourage children to recognise and write the letters in their name.
- Lots of mark making activities will be available both inside and out. Adults to scribe children's explanations of what these marks represent.



UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD - People and Communities, The World & Technology

- Using the internet to find out about different cultures and celebrations.
- Learn how to use the iPads and how to play the games and use the apps.
- Recognise and describe special times or events for family and friends.
- Lots of opportunities to use the IWB and keyboard to play Ten Town games and Phonic based games and mark making.

MATHEMATICS - Numbers & Shape, Space and Measure

- Number songs
- Counting down to Christmas—Advent calendar
- Learning the names of 2D shapes through sorting games and creative activities E.g. Firework rockets, Rangoli patterns and Christmas collage.
- Lots of number recognition games using Ten Town. Learning numbers 6-10 and recapping on numbers 1-5.



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT - Moving and Handling, Health and Self Care

- Outdoor activities - Getting coats and wellies on. Bikes and scooters, large construction, balls, balance beams etc.
- Mark making will be available in all areas of provision inside and outside to develop both gross motor movements and fine motor.
- Children will be encouraged to see to their own toileting needs as much as is possible.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN - Exploring and Using Media and Materials & Being Imaginative

- Learning new topic based songs and especially songs and actions for the Christmas performance.
- Lots of creative activities relating to celebrations. E.g. Bonfire art work, rangoli patterns, Diva pots, Christmas cards, party hats, paperchains, snowflakes etc.
- Explore role play in all provision areas.



Home Learning—

- Sing our topic based songs—See attached song sheet.
- Make a collage of your name and don't forget to bring it in to show us.
- Go on a letter hunt. This half term we are learning about the letters s' 'a' 't' 'p' 'i' 'n' and 'm'. You could look in your story book at bedtime. Can you find any before your grown up?
- How many objects can you find that begin with one of our focus letters. Make a list with your grown up or take a photograph and bring it in to show us.
- Can you complete the counting challenge? Please count and record how many of each of the following you have in your house and bring in to share with us. Doors, stairs, tables, baths, lamps, beds and hot air balloons.