



Foundation Stage Information for Parents Autumn 2 2021

Topic: Why do we celebrate?

Welcome Back!

We hope you have all had a good break. This half term we will be talking with the children about celebrations of all kinds, so we would love to hear if there been any birthdays, family occasions or any type of celebration!

Towards the end of this half term there will be a Christmas Nativity performance. Look out for more information about this nearer the time.

Mrs Mays and Mrs Webb's class continue to have PE on Wednesday's and Mrs Walton's class on Fridays. Please make sure that children have removed earrings on these days and the children come in appropriate clothing and footwear.

Personal Social Emotional Development

This half term we will be learning:

- Everybody is different.
- Try to include everyone when we are working or playing.
- Know how to help if someone is being unkind.
- Try to solve problems.
- Try to use kind words.

Much of this work is explored through real-life situations presented in stories and using puppets. The children are encouraged to think what responses could be made and which would be the best ones to follow.

Literacy

This half term we will be telling and listening to a range of stories linked to the topic of celebrations such as Kippers Birthday. We will also be looking for interesting facts about different types of celebrations in non-fiction texts.

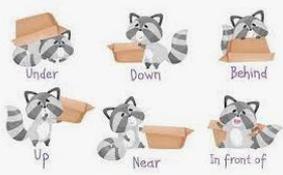
We are still trying to hear and write dominant sounds in words. We are also encouraging children to recognise, copy and write their own name each morning. You can help your child by supporting and reminding them about how to correctly hold a pencil and helping them to practise writing their name and any letters at home.



Numeracy

We are continuing to work on reading, writing and understanding numbers to 10. In calculation, we have a strong focus on one more and one less this half-term.

In shape, we are focusing on learning about 2D shapes and being able to sort a range of shapes by the set criteria. For example- shapes that have 4 sides/not 4 sides. Learning to use positional language to talk about where something is located or where to go, such as; over, under, around, beside, on top etc.



Physical Development

We will be travelling over and under, fast and slow, forwards, backwards and sideways, stretching tall and curling small on the PE apparatus. As well as continuing to practise small movements for cutting and writing. Please make sure your child has a coat or jacket and wellies with them as we do spend quite a lot of time playing and learning outdoors.



Creative Development

We will be learning to mix powder paints and observe and understand the changes that happen when we mix different colours together. We will be using ICT to create firework pictures and learning joining techniques.



Knowledge and understanding of the world

We will be learning about how we celebrate Diwali, Bonfire Night, Birthdays and Christmas this half term.

We will be finding out where we can find dark and light places. Children will start to know about the similarities and differences between themselves and others and how they celebrate. We will know that bonfire night is a historical celebration related to events from the past. Children will have time to remember and talk about significant events and celebrations celebrated in their own lives.



How to Help your Child

Encourage your child to dress and undress by themselves, including being able to put their own coat and shoes on and off.

Weekly/Fortnightly Homework -Make sure your signed up to 'Learning with Parents' so you can access the home learning activities.

Other information!

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