

Lets celebráte!

Communication and Language

-Maintains attention, concentrates and sits quietly during appropriate activities.

The children will learn in small focused groups as well as short bursts of carpet sessions for class discussions. Small focused groups will help the children to feel more confident around their peers as they get used to completing school work as well as furthering their learning and understanding.

-Uses talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events

The children will be given plenty of time to talk about their thoughts and feelings as well as own experiences of celebrations in group discussions; encouraged to bring in special objects and pictures, such as birthday party photos, to share with the whole class.

Personal, Social & Emotional

-Aware of the boundaries set, and of behavioural expectations in the setting

The children will be given plenty of time to settle and create friendships with their new classmates this term, as well children across the school years, and supported in getting to know the daily routine. They will be introduced to whole school collective worship, attending twice weekly. Children will be given their own class 'job' such as tidying up construction toys or handing out fruit at snack time in order to help their independence. We will introduce the children to the rainbow behaviour system that is used throughout school and children will be told of behavioural expectations within the school setting.

-Physical Development

-Manages own basic hygiene and personal needs successfully, including dressing independently

We will have a weekly PE lesson where the children will be able to develop their special awareness skills as well as confidence to use different PE apparatus. The children be encouraged to change in to their PE kits independently throughout the year, only asking for help with tricky buttons and laces. The children will work up to this achievement throughout the year, firstly encouraged to change shoes independently and then moving on to whole pe kits.

-PE will take place every Wednesday morning so please make sure all PE kits are in, hung on your child's peg.



We are starting our Reception year with the topic 'Let's Celebrate!'

We will be learning all about celebrations that are enjoyed right around the world such as weddings, Diwali, Harvest Festivals and of course, birthdays!

Mathematics

The children will start by looking at patterns and early number; recognising and describing patterns that they see as well as counting up to three abstract objects accurately. We will move in to numbers within 6, learning to count forwards and backwards as well as completing simple addition and subtraction. The children will learn lots of ways to aid their maths work using concrete materials such as counters and numicon. We will learn lots of nursery rhymes to help us with our counting such as 'Five Speckled Frogs' and 'Three Blind Mice'.

Literacy

Each week we will be reading and exploring a new book to fit in with our topic such as 'Kipper's Party' and 'The Farm Concert'. These will influence our daily Literacy lessons where will be using our expanding phonics knowledge to write our own invitations, party food shopping lists and posters on Bonfire Night safety.

The children will be starting their first steps into Phonics by thinking of initial sounds and letters. We will then transition into phase 2 and learn to write the linked letters correctly.

Expressive Arts and Design

-Plays cooperatively as part of a group to develop and act out a narrative

Our home corner will be the perfect place for children to roleplay and show their understanding of different celebrations as it is set up for different celebrations such as birthday parties and Christmas celebrations.

-Manipulates materials to achieve a planned effect

Our topic of 'Let's Celebrate' will give us lots of opportunities to get creative! We will produce our own birthday cards using lots of different media as well as using the season around us to inspire our art; using seasonal veg and autumnal objects such as conkers for painting. We will be making our own Diva Lamps out of salt dough to help us celebrate Diwali and as the term progresses we will be sure to get crafty making lots of Christmas decorations for our classroom.

Understanding the World

-Enjoys joining in with family customs and routines

Our PSHE topic this half term is called 'Being me in my world' where the children will be given lots of opportunity to understand how it feels to belong and discuss similarities and differences between their new classmates. We will be asking children to share their own experiences of family traditions by bringing in photos of celebrations as well as sharing an item which is precious to them to fit in with our RE topic; 'What and Who do Christians believe is precious to God?' The children will be thinking all about the Christian creation story, developing their sense of care for the world and awareness of others thoughts and feelings. There will be plenty of class discussions where the children can share their faith and beliefs about creation and the world.

In order to help us further our understanding of the world and local area, the children will take part in 'Out and About' activities. A letter to further explain will follow.

key dates

ideas for home learning

- ★ Look at a calendar and mark on birthdays of family and friends. Are there any other events and celebrations you can mark on such as Harvest Festival or a family gathering.
- ★ How old will you be on your next birthday? Can you make cupcakes and count out the correct number of how old you will be?
- ★ Try making up some funny rhyming sentences with your adult. Write down your favourite one to share with your friends. For example 'I saw a bee sitting on my knee'.
- ★ People enjoy eating sandwiches at parties. With an adult can you make a sandwich with your favourite filling. Remember to be careful when spreading your filling and ask an adult to help you cut it. What shape did you cut your bread into?
- ★ Look through a storybook and add sound effects to events that happen such as giant footsteps and magic beans falling on the floor.
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vocabulary

festival



balloon



cake



guest



present



invitation



party



wedding

