Let's Celebrate!

Our Super Starter

We will begin the term with an exciting, immersive exploration of celebrations from around the world. The children will discover how different cultures and communities celebrate special occasions, starting with Diwali, the Festival of Light.

Phonics and Rhyme Time

We will be;

- Nursery rhyme time, sound games and blending every day.
- Learning the sounds 's', 'a', 't', 'p', 'i', 'n' and 'm'.
- Learning the rhymes Round and Round the Garden, The Grand Old Duke of York, Twinkle Twinkle, A Sailor Went to Sea, Down at the Station, Hickory Dickory Dock and Incy Wincy Spider.
- Writing our names, using name cards to support us.

Mathematics

We will be;

- Meeting Ten Town characters Thelma Three and Freddie Four, and revisiting 1 to 4.
- Subitising with dice patterns, different patterns and different sizes.
- Counting 2 and finding, matching and recognising the numeral 2.
- Forming the numbers 1 to 4
- Making and extending AB and ABC patterns, outdoors and with movement.
- Matching and sorting, including colours.
- Singing number songs such as 2 Little Dickie Birds, Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes, and Zoom, Zoom, Zoom.

Science: Weather

We will be;

- Finding out where we find water, and making rain clouds in a cup.
- Making a windsock and testing it outside.
- Making artificial snow.
- Making rainbows.
- Choosing seasonal outfits.
- Making seasonal trees.

Communication and Language – Our Next Steps

We will be learning to:

- Develop confidence in talking about ourselves, our families, interests and experiences, sharing our own ideas with others.
- Use longer sentences to express our thoughts, feelings, likes and dislikes.
- Develop our listening skills, learning to listen carefully to others and take turns in conversations.
- Follow simple instructions and begin to manage instructions that involve more than one step.
- Build our attention and concentration, learning to focus on activities while also listening to others.
- Learn and use new vocabulary through stories, discussions, songs and our topic-based activities.
- Begin to ask and answer simple questions, sharing our ideas and showing curiosity about the world around us.

Literacy We will be learning to;

- Begin to recognise that print carries meaning and that we read books from left to right.

- Develop our understanding of how books work, including turning pages and following pictures and text.

- Listen to stories with increasing attention and concentration, beginning to talk about characters

- Begin to recognise familiar sounds in words and develop our awareness of the sounds we hear around us.

- Build confidence in joining in with familiar stories, songs and rhymes.

RE: Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?

We will be;

- Saying prayers for Remembrance Day.
- Finding out that we were all babies once and hearing the Nativity story from the Bible, using nativity figures.
- Finding out what we do at church to celebrate Christmas and learning carols about the Nativity story.
- Dressing up and retelling the Nativity story.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be learning to;

- Experiment with different instruments, exploring how sounds and music can express different feelings and emotions.
- Use our voices creatively to explore and make a variety of sounds.
- Sing familiar songs with increasing confidence, beginning to recognise and follow simple melodies.
- Explore how colours, lines and different drawing techniques can be used to represent and communicate our feelings and ideas.

Music: Celebration Music

We will be;

- Learning about Diwali through songs and movement.
- Singing traditional Christmas songs, playing instruments and making vocal sounds.
- Creating actions for Christmas song lyrics.
- Learning the songs for our Nativity.
- Enjoying Christmas music and dancing.

PE: Fundamental Skills

We will be;

- Balancing, while still and on the move.
- Running and stopping, and changing direction.
- Jumping and landing, and hopping and landing with control.
- Exploring different ways of travelling.

Ambitious Vocabulary:

Celebrate, Diwali, Light, Party, Autumn, Fall, Hunt/ find, nativity, Jesus, story / Bible

Every Week

Picture News of the week and Forest School activity.

Our Fab Finish

We will be making a habitat for an animal for our Autumn Tea Party.

- Unpacking a Christmas treasure box and singing carols such as Away in a Manger and Little Donkey.
- Talking about how we are all precious to God, and how we can be like Jesus.
- Making an Advent handprint wreath and Advent promises, and using our reflection jar.

Personal, Social and Emotional development

We will be learning to: Building Relationships / Special Relationships

We will be;

- Sharing our family trees.
- Identifying people who are special to us and what it means to be a valued person.
- Learning the importance of sharing with others, through role play.
- Seeing ourselves as valuable individuals who like different things.
- Sharing our interests as individuals.
- Exploring diversity – how we are the same and different, and all unique.
- Reflecting on what we have learnt.