

Our theme for Autumn 2 is:



This half term will be filled with celebration! We Will be learning all about all the different ways children can celebrate with the many different festivals the occur at this time of year from Diwali to Christmas!

Our theme will last for:

8 weeks.

Personal, social and emotional development



Through our daily carpet sessions, we will be continuing to develop the children's sense of community.

We will also be teaching the children: being assertive.

- Teaching the phrase "Stop" when they do not like another child's action.

We will continue to focus on the health and wellbeing of the children and teaching them to:

- Be increasingly independent in meeting their own care needs, e.g. brushing teeth, using the toilet, washing and drying their hands thoroughly.

Make healthy choices about food, drink, activity and toothbrushing.

Physical development

This half term we will be taking part in Body movement sessions in addition to this we will focus on the following:

- Big Moves
- Finger gym/dough disco
- Zips/buttons
- 1 handed tools (simple tools e.g. scissors).
- Creative adventures dance sessions
- Going outdoors - Going upstairs and apparatus, crawling/ skip, hop, stand on one leg and musical statues.
- Increasing their independence with getting dressed, undressed, zips etc.



Communication and language

We focus on Communication and Language daily, here are some of the ways in which we are developing our children's needs:

- Creative adventures and use of language to describe movement
- Book Talk – Use non-fiction and fiction books to question the children.
- Singing a large repertoire of songs

We also have social phrases that we encourage the children to use such as please, thank you, stop and can you help me.



Phase 1 phonics- developing our sound and listening skills

We will continue with our focus on Phase 1 phonics. This half term we will be focusing on environmental sounds and their listening skills.

Here is how you can support your child at home:

- **A listening walk** – go for a short walk with the aim of listening to the sounds around you. We have resources below to help.
- **A listening moment** – spend a quiet minute indoors or outdoors listening to all the sounds around you, then discuss.
- **Animal sounds** – what sounds do familiar animals – pets and farm animals – make?
- **Hunt the teddy** – hide a toy and then encourage one child to find it by singing or talking louder as they get closer.
- **Nature sounds** – can you sound and move like the wind? the rain? a storm?
- **Shakers** – collect small opaque containers and fill them with different things – pebbles, rice, feathers. Invite the children to shake them and then look inside to identify the objects.

Expressive arts and design



This half term the children will learn:

- To create process art
- To move to music through Creative Adventures
- To explore and creating with different materials. This will include having natural materials to explore paints or crayon rubbings to promote language.
- To use loose parts expressively
- To create faces to represent emotions with loose parts.
- To naming colours with Christmas lights/presents etc.
- To begin to glue and join materials that have been explored previously.

The children will also be exposed to a range of songs and nursery rhymes such as 'if your happy and you know it' throughout the term.

Understanding of the world

We will be focussing on:

- The differences between people – what do you celebrate, who celebrates Diwali, who celebrates something different, talk about other festivals and birthdays.
- Continuing to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people.
- Exploring how things work.
- Torches – cause and effect. Creating dens and children to use torches in them.
- Hands on exploration of natural materials (feeling and talking about natural objects e.g., leaves, sticks, pinecones, conkers...)
- Animal bodies and linking these to animals from story, naming wings, beaks, eyes etc
- Special events and festivals.
- visiting church and how it is in our local area.

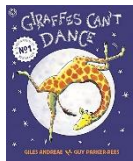
Literacy

This half term we are learning that print can have different purposes.

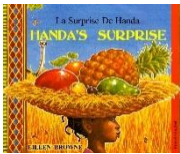
Children with print awareness understand that print has different meanings— for example, menus list food choices, a book tells a story, a sign can announce a favourite restaurant or warn of danger. We will be exploring this in different ways by exposing the children to a range of print in their daily play.

The children will also have multiple opportunities to mark make throughout the half term with a range of resources.

Our Book Talk books



Giraffes Can't Dance



Handa's Surprise



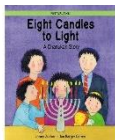
Marvin Gets Mad



We're going on a Bear Hunt



Lima's Red Hot Chilli



Eight Candles to Light

Please ensure your child's reading book and reading tracker are returned to setting to be changed each week.

Mathematics

This half term we will focus on 2D and 3D shape and the numbers 0-5. We will cover a new number each week up to Christmas and exploring them in different ways.

2D and 3D shape

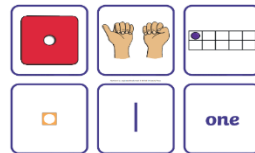
Naming these shapes - Circle, triangle and square.



Number 0-5

For example when focusing on the number 1:

- Visual representations – number displayed around the room. Children encountering the number in various ways throughout the day.
- Formation songs – Come right down and that is all, come right down and that is all, come right down and that is all, to make the numeral 1.
- Out doors Giant paper number 1 stencils
- Using stories One mole digging a hole
- Using Songs One finger one thumb



Key Dates for this half term:

Wednesday 2nd November – EYFS Phonics Meeting

WB 7th – Remembrance week

Friday 18th November – Children in Need

Wednesday 30th November – Zig zag Christmas photos

Monday 12th December – Preschool Christmas party

Friday 16th December – Church Visit and End of Term

Please also take the time to read with your child each day. Research shows children who read regularly at home perform better in all areas of the curriculum.

We would like to invite all parents and carers to our Reading Open Sessions which will continue to take place this half term.

These will be 20 minutes sessions where you can come into your child's class and listen to them read.

We hope you will join us if you are able.

The sessions will take place on **Fridays** from 9:00 -9.20

