

Let's Celebrate

WELCOME BACK!

I hope you all had a wonderful Half Term break and are looking forward to the term ahead. Our over arching topic for this half term is 'Let's Celebrate'. We are going to be learning all about different types of celebrations and how these events are marked. Below you will find a short outline of the things we will be getting up to this half term. Don't forget to keep up to date on how our topic is evolving by checking into our Seesaw Page.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

This half term we will continue to build on our listening skills. We will be listening to lots of new stories and working on our ability to respond appropriately to 'why?' questions.

Within our topic, we have lots of opportunities to talk about celebrations that are important in our families and how these occasions are marked at home.

We will continue to extend our vocabulary everyday through words that are introduced within our adult led activities as those that 'crop up' during our child initiated activities.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This half term we will be focusing on our ability to share and take turns with our friends.

Within our child initiated activities, we will be starting to plan what we are going to do - thinking about what we might need to carry out our activities and building on our confidence to ask for help when we need it.

We will continue to use our Colour Monsters to help us to self-regulate and talk about how we are feeling.

Within our LifeWise sessions with Miss Downing, we will be focusing on the importance of sleep and a good bedtime routine. We will also be learning about keeping healthy and the importance of washing our hands.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Within our PE sessions with Miss Downing we will be focusing on our ability to jump and land safely. We will also be practising our balancing skills.

We will continue to refine our fine and gross motor skills both inside and outside of the classroom using activities tailored to the children's needs as well as some that are linked to our topic and individual interests

Our daily Funky Fingers session will now evolve slightly to include dancing with squeeze balls, practising our Crocodile Snap fingers and then we will carry out a short handwriting/letter formation session.

We will also be carrying out weekly yoga sessions using Cosmic Kids Yoga.

LITERACY

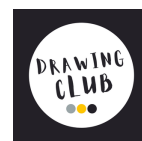
We will continue with our Phonics Sessions each day at 9:00am. Over the course of each week we will learn three new sounds and spend time consolidating our current sounds. We will now be working on our ability to segment and blend simple words to read them independently.

We will be practising name writing everyday, as a settling activity using our own name writing strips and we will be encouraging the children to use mark making and writing within their child initiated learning where possible.

Stories and books will play a large part in all of our learning. Ensuring that the children always have access to high quality texts to access independently, within our story sessions or simply with a grown up over the course of the day.

We will carry out 'book talk' sessions over the course of the week. Giving the children the opportunity to develop their comprehension skills.

We will also be beginning our Drawing Club Sessions - Using high quality, stories, traditional tales and animations to spark the children's imagination, conversation skills and develop their vocabulary through the introduction new words through actions to support recall.



MATHS

This half term we will begin to focus on numbers within 5. We will begin by learning all about the numbers 1, 2 & 3 - ensuring that we have a really deep knowledge of these numbers including being able to count, match, subitise, represent and begin to understand the composition of these numbers - before moving on to concentrate on the numbers 4 and 5.

We will also begin to look closely at 2D shapes - We will learn about circles, triangle, rectangles and squares and the properties of these shapes.

Over the course of this half term, we will also spend time learning about Positional Language, Sequencing Events and Day and Night.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

Our learning this half term will be centred around Celebrations. We will be looking at some of the different festivals and events that are celebrated around the world, particularly at this time of year. We will be talking about celebrations that are marked within our own families and what we get up to during these times.

We will be looking at Halloween, Guy Fawkes Night, Birthdays, Remembrance Day, Diwali & Christmas and observing the importance that Light and Dark play in these special times.

We will also continue to look at the changing of the seasons - and observe the natural world around us Autumn continues to develop.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

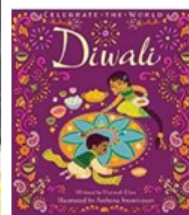
Art will play a very large part in our topic this term and we are really excited about all the wonderful creative things we are going to get up to.

We will be studying the artists Yayoi Kusama, Piet Mondrian & Wassily Kandinsky, as part of our work on 2D shapes within our maths sessions.

As part of our work on Celebrations, we will be printing with cardboard tubes to create our own firework prints. We will also be using pastels to explore making 'firework marks' and will have a go at creating our own firework display, skyline pictures.

As we move on to look at Diwali, we will be colouring and creating our own Rangoli patterns both inside and outside using chalk, tessellating shapes as well as our own chosen medias.

A FEW OF THE BOOKS THAT WILL INSPIRE OUR LEARNING THIS HALF TERM



SOME OF THE VOCABULARY THAT WE WILL LEARN

Celebrate Special Dark Diwali Respect
Tradition Calming Belief
Unique Remembrance Belonging
Light