Curriculum Overview for Parents
Year 1, Autumn Term 2

Let's Celebrate

Lines of Enquiry the children would like to explore:

Owls
- To find out who Guy Fawkes was
- To learn about how different people celebrate Christmas
- To learn more about Diwali and why it is celebrated

Robins
- To find out more about Bonfire night and how and why we celebrate it
- To find out more about Diwali and who celebrates it
- To learn about Christmas traditions around the world

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Within this topic the children will learn the differences between teasing, being unkind and bullying. They will recognise that everyone is different and will have different thoughts and ideas. The children will learn to celebrate and show empathy for those who are different and identify those who are special to them. They will also identify ways in which we can show kindness to others and the impact that has on them.

Science

In Science, we will learn about the human body and how different body parts relate to the five senses. We will continue our investigation into seasonal changes and learn about how animals prepare for and behave during winter. We will also learn about the names of different types of materials and the properties that they have.

Computing

Our focus this half term is digital painting. We will be using the SeeSaw application to create paintings including using shapes and colours to improve our work.

Physical Development

Our focus in indoor PE is on sending and receiving. Children will learn simple tactics for attacking and defending and participate in team games. In our outdoor PE sessions children will be taking part in athletic activities such as travelling in different directions and speed.

Religious Education

Children will be exploring the question 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'. They will listen to and talk about the story of the Nativity and explore why Jesus is important for Christians.
The children will be visiting St. James' Church to learn about the 'Journey to the Stable'.

Music

Using voices, bodies and instruments to listen and respond to different pieces of music, the children will learn and perform a rhyme and song with a focus on tempo.

History

Children will be going on a journey back in time to learn about why we celebrate Bonfire Night. They will become characters in a story and act out what happened on that very night. Children will then have the opportunity to retell the story using pictures and words. They will also learn about Remembrance Day and begin to understand why this is significant.

Maths

This half-term, we will be focussing on furthering the children's understanding of number and place value. They will be learning different addition and subtraction methods (practical and mental), and using and applying these operations to solve problems. The children will also be learning about shapes and their properties, as well as coin recognition and different ways to make the same amount.

English

During this half term we will be focusing on the story of 'Pumpkin Soup' by Helen Cooper. The children will become familiar with writing for a purpose, including instructional writing. We will also have a focus on poetry where the children will listen, perform and write their own poems on the themes of 'Winter' and 'Bonfire Night'. They will be learning about poetic features such as rhyme, pattern, repetition and onomatopoeia. Reading practice sessions will continue to take place three times a week, and all children will continue to benefit from a daily phonics session.

Art & Design and Technology

Design and Technology

During this topic, children will have the opportunity to design, construct and decorate their own moving picture. The children will research, investigate, explore and evaluate a variety of moving pictures. Following this they will be able to design and construct their own moving picture before decorating it to link with their topic. The finished product will become a Christmas card to be shared with their family once completed. Finally, children will be able to evaluate their work and have the opportunity to improve it if necessary.

Geography

In Geography, children will learn more about their home location and its position within the country of England. The children will need to know their home address as part of this. Using a range of maps, including digital representations and aerial images the children will learn about the seven continents that make up the earth and consider weather and climate variations in different locations. We will be looking at the seven continents and their location on a world map.