

Literacy

Focus texts: The story of Guy Fawkes, The Demon King – The Story of Diwali, Owl Babies, Wow! Said the Owl, The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark, The Story of Christmas

*Joining in with repeated phrases and enjoying stories with patterned language.

*Beginning to write words and short phrases.

*Writing firework words using our spelling fingers.

*Lots of shared writing around our focus stories, opportunities to make their own versions and books

*Retelling the story of Diwali through pictures, using props.

*Reading practise three times per week, opportunity to read and share these at home, building up to read short phrases and sentences.

*Reciting poems, learning these from heart.

Visit from the Owl centre

Homework-to share class library books and reading books together, chatterbox and Everywhere Bear, practise sounds and tricky word taggies every day.

Mathematics.

We are continuing to read, write and order numbers to 10 and beginning to look at different calculations within this range/ Finding ways of making different numbers and looking closely at the way these numbers can be represented using counters and simple mathematical resources.

We will be using the Numberblocks to help us investigate number too. We will be looking at 2d shape, naming these and discussing their properties and using them to help us make patterns and pictures. We will talk about the months and seasons in the year and begin to look at length, mass and capacity of objects using basic mathematical language to help us.

Communication and Language

We will be developing our speaking and listening skills throughout our curriculum. Taking part in Chatterbox and Everywhere Bear sessions, giving chances to ask and answer questions and provide detail in discussions to ensure listeners remain interested. We will be listening to and then retelling stories using the correct patterned language. We will be playing lots of speaking and listening games as part of our continuous provision too.

Reception Curriculum Map Autumn 2 - Light and Dark



Physical

We will begin more formal PE lessons in the hall this term, beginning with a 'fundamentals' unit, which will help us to think carefully about ourselves in the space we have in the hall and how we can be safe within it. We will continue to offer opportunities both in and outside for fine and gross motor skills, these being key to being ready and having the strength to write sentences.

We will be encouraging all the children to be able to zip up their coats and dress independently in their hats, scarves and gloves for the cold weather. Please support them at home with this too!

Understanding the world

We will be thinking about the festivals of Diwali and Christmas and how these are celebrated in many different ways. We will be thinking about special occasions in our own lives and how we celebrate them.

We will be looking at the change in seasons as the term moves on and the weather grows colder (and maybe whiter!)

The children will continue to use the technology available to them in our classrooms to support them in their play and learning

We will be learning about animals who come out at night, particularly looking at Owls.

Expressive Art and Design

The children will be learning and performing songs for celebrating Diwali, firework night and Christmas which we hope to share with you.

There will be more guided and focused daily art and craft activities alongside the choice for children to create their own master pieces in our continuous provision areas.

The children will be given props to help them develop their story telling and role play both in and out doors.

Children will learn some new dance moves this term. We will be dancing as firework rockets using our very own firework streamers,

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to support the children to play games, taking turns and listening to each other. We will help them to develop a positive attitude towards their learning and each other. We will be talking about our own feelings and those of others and how we can support and comfort one another.

We will be learning how we can look after our pets, and other animals and how important it is to keep warm in the Winter.