Understanding of the World

We will talk about special times in our own lives. We will read stories how different families may celebrate Bonfire Night, Diwali, birthdays and Christmas.






We will explore differences between old and new toys. We will talk about people who help us. We will walk to the Post Office to post off letters to Father Christmas. We will draw maps of our route to the Post Office and what we see along the way. We will learn about nocturnal animals and how they gather their food for the winter. We will explore signs that Autumn is turning into Winter in our school garden. We will learn about the Nativity story.

Children need a **warm, waterproof coat** as we go outside in all weathers! Please bring bookbags to school every day, Please have **wellies** in school under pegs for our outdoor activities. Please bring in a **PE kit** which will be kept in school on pegs and sent home every half term holiday.

We have **water bottles at school** for every child - we wash these with hot, soapy water thoroughly each day and sterilise once a week. Bottles are clearly named and kept in colour trays so children can find them easily and only drink from their own bottle.

We have been working on fastening coats up at school - please help your child to practise doing up and un-doing their coat at home as some zips, buttons and poppers are tricky! Please **name everything** (coats, hats, gloves, shoes, wellies, jumpers, cardigans, PE kit). Thank you so much for your support.

Dates for your Diary-

Wed 9th Dec Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
Tues15th Dec 9.30am Reception Christmas Singing performance
Fri 18th Dec 9.15am Christmas Service at St. John's Church

Phonics and Reading

We will continue to learn new letter sounds and also **'Special Friends'** sounds where sounds are made with two letters. Please continue to support your child with the sounds in the little green sound books and use the videos we send home on seesaw too. We will learn to read **green words** with **'Fred Talk'.**

Reading Books

As they learn to use Fred Talk to read words, the children will bring home blending books and then move on to Ditty sheets in a folder and then red reading books. Please write in your child's yellow reading record when they practise reading at home: regular extra reading practise at home makes a huge difference to building children's confidence and skills in early reading.

Communication & Language and Literacy

We will sequence and re-tell the story of *Ning and the Night Spirits* and explore how lights and lanterns are used to celebrate special times. We will learn about different celebrations through listening to stories. We will use new vocabulary to talk about events in our own lives and take part in role play in the Home Corner..

We will practise correct letter formation using the RWI rhymes. We will learn to write CVC green words by using 'Fred Fingers, pinch the Sounds'.







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Special Celebrations!



Our learning will be around the 7 areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage. The children will learn through exploring our Continuous Provision (we call this Discovery Time) inside the classroom and outside and also through adult lead activities. We love to share our EYFS learning on **SEESAW** – look out for regular updates!

Social and Emotional Development

Our JIGSAW PSHE theme is all about Celebrating Differences. We will explore what we are good at and what we enjoy. We will talk about why we are special and what makes us the same or different. We will also talk about our families and special celebrations in our own lives. We will play games together which help us to continue to develop our new friendships. We will explore how to be a kind friend and how we can share and play together so we are all happy and safe.

We will talk about Remembrance Sunday and explore why people wear poppies.

Physical Development

We will continue to develop fine motor skills through funky finger activities such as magnetic construction, mark making, dough disco, using tweezers, making button patterns and threading. We will get busy with mixing, filling and emptying in the outdoor kitchen, We will push and pull skateboards and learn to bounce high on the space hoppers. We will balance along the new wooden trail and step across rocks at different heights. We will lift and place crates and big blocks to build structures outside.

Mathematical Development

We will focus on numbers 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and work on object counting skills. We will use the language of comparison: "**more than, fewer than, an equal number"**. We will learn to match numerals to quantities within 10. We will sing counting songs and practise verbal counting beyond 20. We will explore and create shape patterns.





Expressive Arts and Design

We will learn rolling and pinching skills to create clay hedgehogs and Diwali Diva lamps. We will explore firework shapes patterns with chalk and pastels and also create 3D firework wands and dances. We will explore playing different instruments along to music,

We will learn to sing and perform Christmas songs. We will also have lots of fun creating wonderful, sparkly Christmas crafts using scissor skills, collaging techniques and printing.