

Literacy

For reading we will be continuing to encourage the children to sound out words to read CVC words. We will be consolidating the sounds we have already learned and will then be moving on to new sounds from phase 3. We will also read various books as a class, discussing the story and the characters and making predictions about what we think will happen next.

In writing, we will continue to practise name writing, using the correct letter formation and encouraging children to write the initial sound in words, extending to CVC words using the sounds they have been taught. We will also continue to practise tricky words.

Understanding the World

We will be looking closely at family traditions for our communities, people and cultures strand and exploring the natural world around us with autumnal items. We will also be learning about the Christmas story with our upcoming Christmas Nativity!

Mathematics

We will continue developing a deeper understanding of numbers to 10, through subitising, comparing groups, practising counting with accuracy using 1:1 correspondence and also understanding the composition of numbers, using the language 'part' and 'whole'. We will also be using spatial language to talk about and describe shapes.

Year R **Celebrations** **Autumn 2** **2023**



Communication and Language

We will be learning new words relating to various celebrations from around the world. We will continue to practise speaking in full sentences and will be working on showing understanding of questions by answering 'why' questions. We will also practise our speaking skills in class, talking about our own experiences of different celebrations and family traditions.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

We will continue to develop our social skills through our daily interactions, group games and class based activities. As always we will practise skills of sharing and turn taking and will look at how to be a good friend.

We will learn about keeping ourselves safe over the Halloween and firework period and will look at a range of feelings to help us identify how we are feeling and how we can make others' feel. We will also continue to practise strategies to self-regulate when things don't go our way.

Physical Development

To develop our gross motor skills, we will continue with our weekly PE sessions when we will be joining in with various games that involve balance, coordination and moving our bodies in a variety of ways. For our fine motor control we will explore lots of different activities that make our hands and fingers work hard such as scissor control, playdough, tweezers and even some pumpkin carving!

How you can help at home:

- Practise phonic sounds at home regularly to help children to embed this knowledge
- Practise writing names using correct letter formation
- Practise accurate counting and saying number names to 20. Recognising numbers in the environment, e.g. on buses, doors and in shops.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will express our creativity through various celebrations, exploring colours, materials and textures. We will be making Halloween themed crafts, sparkly firework pictures and even Diva lamps when learning about Diwali. Not forgetting all the fun Christmas themed creations we will make in the run up to Christmas, including learning and singing songs and role play.