

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Through focussed and play based activities children will be encouraged to solve problems and engage others to help them. They will become more confident in asking for help when it is required, but also saying when it is not.

During practical activities, children will be encouraged to give their opinions, say what they are good at and to describe themselves using positive terms.

Through our JIGSAW PSHE scheme, children will celebrate differences between themselves and others, where they live, their families and friends. They will be encouraged to show sensitivity to these differences.

Communication and Language

Children will learn new vocabulary linked to celebrations and begin to see that words are made up of syllables.

Through play based activities, children will use the new vocabulary to engage play and will be encouraged to listen and respond appropriately to question (eg why, how, what) and to their peers thoughts and ideas and to use talk to organise their play.

Physical Development

Children will work on their gross motor skills during focussed PE sessions and within their play opportunities. Continuing to develop a range of ball skills and to strengthen muscles. Children will learn the importance of pivoting their shoulders and wrists to strengthen muscles ready for mark making.

They will also continue to develop their fine motor skills with funky fingers activities and Dough Disco as fun ways to strengthen their hand muscles.

Children will be encouraged to be independent at gathering resources and meeting their own needs.

Reception PE is on Thursdays

Wrens - Autumn Two

Theme - 'I wonder what people celebrate around the world?'



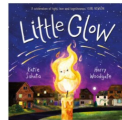
Mathematics

Children will continue to use Numberblocks (BBC

iPlayer) to aid in their understanding on number.

Reception children will be able to recognise 1-5 as numerals, physical arrangements, sounds and actions. They will begin to learn how to compare amounts, using mathematical language to explain their knowledge and to group into parts of a whole. They will continue to learn properties for 2D shapes and to use positional language correctly. They will begin to sequence events using first, next, finally.

Preschool will be introduced to 1-3 and patterns. Making and seeing amounts and using describing words for different patterns.



Literacy

Reception will continue daily Rocket phonics sessions, your child will begin to use the sounds learnt to blend into words. They may begin to read simple sentences and tricky words.

Children will begin to label work using the sounds we know. We will encourage all children to write their name and form those letters correctly.

Preschool will continue Super Sounds Sessions and make marks in different ways.

We will ALL be sharing fiction, non-fiction and poetry books linked to celebrations.

Understanding of the World

We will learn about Bonfire Night, New Year, Christmas, Holi, Hanukkah and Lunar New Year; what these events are and how they are celebrated.

Through short focussed RE sessions and play opportunities children will explore the topics 'I am special' and 'Christmas'.

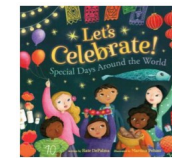
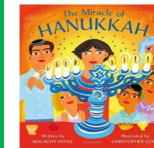
They will have opportunities to use simple ICT programmes and computational language, including BeeBots. Children will be introduced to language associated with materials and forces, then use these within their free choice activities.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term children will have opportunities to explore colour mixing, texture and shape to create representations of fireworks and Holi celebrations. We will learn to use layering and texture to create collages.

Children will explore how music can be used to express feelings and ideas. In Charanga sessions we will listen and appraise music from different genres and learn a new action song.

Children will play a part in the school Christmas performance.



Welcome back

We hope you have all had a good half term. This term you will have the opportunity to speak to me at parents evening. I look forward to sharing how well your child has settled into their new year group and also talk through next steps for their development and learning. We will be learning songs and dances for the Christmas performance. More details to follow.

This half terms show and tell rota went out before half term, please see the sheet with the dates your child will have their turn. It is a great way for us to monitor their use of communication and language and confidence. I will continue to share videos with you via Tapestry.

Please share things your child is doing at home via Tapestry as this means we have a holistic view of their development. They may be doing things at home which we do not offer eg swimming, sports clubs. I am also setting little *homework* tasks for you to record on there.

Any communication can be through Tapestry, email or face to face. (Monday, Wednesday and Friday).

Many thanks Sally Hill

Afternoon snacks

We provide a healthy snack in the afternoon but ask for a small donation each half term, please see attached envelope.

If you do not want your child to have a snack please let us know.

Reading and sharing stories and rhymes at home

I will continue to share the rhymes we are using in Preschool for children to practice at home.

A reminder that Library books will be changed on a **Wednesday** for all children except the 2 pre-schoolers who do not attend that day.

Autumn 2 term

Christmas Funday.

We will be having a Christmas fun day on Wednesday 10th December. All children are invited to spend the day with us, if it is not your usual Preschool day please arrange to change session days or pay the extra hours. We will have crafts, party games, a Christmas film and a picnic lunch.

More details to follow.