

Class 1 - Autumn 2 2023 - Let's Celebrate!

We wanted to say a huge well done to the children for settling into school so brilliantly! Here is an overview of the activities that we will be completing during this half term.

READING

This half term we will move on to Phase 2 of our phonics teaching which will introduce written letters and the sounds that they make. Children will begin to read and write individual



letters, as well as blending them together with others to make short words. They will be bringing home reading books containing words, as well as sound cards to practise

with at home too. Please do speak to us if you are unsure how to use these at any time.



MATHS

This half term the children will be introduced to the concept of one more and one less. They will notice how numbers and amounts increase in value when one is added and decrease in value when one is taken away.

The children will explore finding different representations of 4

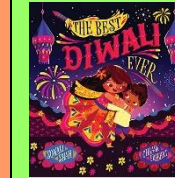


and 5 and will use a five frame to represent up to 5 objects. When learning about shape, the children will notice squares and rectangles all around them and begin to describe their properties. They will be introduced to mathematical language for describing the properties of squares and rectangles, such

as 'sides', 'straight' and 'corners'. Finally, the children will have the opportunity to explore directions and will make instructions for Beebots to follow on a map.



ENGLISH



We will be looking at a wonderful range of books this half term, exploring a selection of different festivals that happen all over the world. We will be starting with Fireworks

night, before looking at different religious festivals such as Diwali, Eid and Hanukkah, and then moving onto Christmas, looking at its origins as well as the different ways that it is celebrated all over the world.



UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

We will be looking at different countries, and areas of the world in which a variety of festivals are celebrated. We will be looking at things such as climate, food and customs within each of these places.

We will continue to observe environmental changes here too, looking at the seasons and weather as well as the hibernation of animals, and investigating those that are nocturnal.



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The children will continue to have PE on a **Tuesday** and Tennis on a **Friday** with our sports coaches. Within our learning provision, we will continue to provide opportunities for the development of their gross motor skills through a range of activities and use of equipment. Fine motor skills will also continue to be worked on through a variety of 'Finger Gym' and other activities. As the children start to write, we will be looking carefully at correct pencil grip and carrying out activities to support with this.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

This area will continue to be fully immersed and embedded within everything that we do. Speaking and listening skills will continue to be taught and developed throughout a variety of activities each day, as well as specifics being taught within our daily phonics sessions. We will continue to use our role play area, as well as our 'Word of the Day', to extend the language and vocabulary of pupils.

PSED - Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to encourage the children to become independent and confident in their daily routines as they continue to settle into school life. The children will explore why families and special people are valuable, learn to see themselves as valuable individuals and explore diversity through thinking about similarities and differences. They will also learn about how to be a safe pedestrian.

RE - Religious Education

Mr Hill will continue to teach the children on a Thursday morning, looking at different religious festivals at this time of year. He will look in depth at Diwali, Hanukkah and Guru Nanak's Birthday, as well as the celebration of Christmas. He will be teaching about the traditions, customs and religions of others within our communities, as well as those living overseas. We will also be visiting the church twice this half term, for our Harvest Festival and our Christmas service.

EXPRESSIVE ART AND DESIGN

Our home corner role play area will encourage children to develop their pretend play based on their home life, but the addition of religious artefacts for each of the festivals that we are looking at will extend their play and ideas too. We will continue to explore a range of artistic ideas and techniques, as well as some design and making processes too.

