

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

- Continuing to build constructive and respectful relationships with peers and adults.
- Learning to think about the perspectives of others.
- Talking about how to be a safe pedestrian, especially during the dark winter months.

Literacy:

- Learning to read individual letters and how to say the letter name and sound.
- Hearing initial, middle and end sounds in words.
- Beginning to blend sounds into words to read simple words.
- Beginning to form lower-case letters correctly, particularly the letters in our names.
- Labelling objects by writing the sounds we can hear.
- Engaging in guided reading sessions.

Understanding the World:

- Learning about different celebrations including Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas.
- Learning about different countries and cultures, including Italy.
- Talking about and exploring the changes in the seasons.
- Learning about past events and talking about Remembrance Day and the Christmas Story.

Communication and Language:

- Learning and using new vocabulary linked to different celebrations and cultures.
- Asking questions to find out about different celebrations.
- Talking about events in detail and how we celebrate at different times of the year.
- Engaging in story times and exploring different books and songs.

Let's Celebrate! This half-term we are:

You can help me by:

- Talking about different celebrations that we celebrate at home and why we celebrate them.
- Talking about the changes in the seasons and how we prepare for winter.
- Continuing to practise writing my name, forming lower-case letters correctly and only using a capital letter at the start.
- Exploring numbers to five all around us — counting objects, actions, steps etc.
- Practising my letter lottos each week and listening to me read my story book

Physical Development:

- Continuing to take part in Dough Disco and being introduced to Pen Disco to help develop fine motor skills.
- Practising moving in a variety of ways during PE lessons.
- Learning how to form letters correctly.

Mathematics:

- Learning how to subitise to number five (recognising quantities without counting).
- Representing and comparing numbers one to five and talking about the composition of each number.
- Recognising simple shapes in the environment.
- Using and understanding positional language.
- Exploring one more and one less.
- Talking about day and night.

Expressive Arts and Design:

- Creating firework pictures and Rangoli patterns using a variety of media and materials.
- Learning Christmas songs and actions and talking about how music makes us feel.
- Acting out the Christmas Story and talking about the different characters.