Reception Parent Information
Autumn 2 - Celebrations

Diwali, Bonfire Night, Nursery Rhyme Week, Remembrance Day, Advent, Christmas

Literacy

This half term we will listen to and join in with a range of structured stories through our CUSP curriculum.
We will continue to follow the 'Monster Phonics' programme and will be learning how to read and write CV and CVC words.

Children will read in school Mon-Wed. Their books will come home on a Wednesday for you to read twice at home before returning the book and reading record on Friday morning.

Communication and Language

All Reception children will begin NELI (Nuffield Early Language Intervention) this half term. This is a programme to support all children in developing language skills within Reception.
We will also be learning lots of Nursery rhymes, Nativity songs and Christmas songs to support speech and confidence.
We will continue to develop communication and language through stories and activities linked to core texts.

Understanding the World

We will learn about many different celebrations this half term. We will focus on communities and how people celebrate events in similar/different ways to each other.

We will continue to observe the changes in weather and discuss how our clothing choices may change as we move from Autumn into Winter.

Mathematics

We begin the half term by practising subitising within 5 and will make decisions around when is needed.
We will continue to use fingers to represent numbers and connect quantity to finger patterns.
We will continue to learn that the 'stopping number' shows us how many objects are in a set and will join in with games that practise the counting sequence.
Reception children will use lots of gesture in maths to develop understanding of spatial language and begin to develop the language of 'whole' and 'parts' when talking about objects and numbers.

Physical Development

We will be working on zipping up our own coats to support fine motor development this half term.

We will also begin dough disco to help build strength in our fingers and hands in preparation for writing.

We will use fine motor skills in phonics to begin to write some letters using a pencil. We will also use larger tools, like paint brushes in glitter and foam, to practise larger movements.

Reception will have their class PE sessions on Friday's.

Personal, Social and Emotional

This half term we will be discussing celebrations and family tradition. We will talk about special times we remember with our families. Reception children will learn more about how people from all around the world celebrate different events, beginning with Diwali and make comparisons between cultures, e.g Diwali and Bonfire Night are both celebrated with fireworks.
We will continue to gain independence by making choices around snack, tidying up and looking after our own belongings.

Religious Education

'Prophecy to Promise'

This half term we will learn about Advent, and how important this time is within the church. We will identify liturgical traditions, such as, the Advent wreath, the lighting of the candles and setting up the Nativity crib.
Children will be more involved in developing peaceful prayer spaces during collective worship, including identifying that our cloth has changed from green to purple to identify a change in liturgical season.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will enjoy getting festive. Children will complete lots of Christmas crafts.

We will be very busy creating a retell of the Nativity story, learning songs and lines to make an extra special Christmas performance for parents.

We will continue to plan activities around children's interests within this area, when thinking of our role play area themes.