

### Key Texts

We will be using key texts to shape our learning. We will also be sharing a wide range of stories during daily story times. Some of these will include

- Dipal's Diwali
- The story of Rama and Sita
- A range of firework poems
- The story of the Nativity
- Dear Santa by Rod Campbell

### Phonics

Phonics sessions will continue to take place 4 times a week. We will recap the letter sounds we have learnt and continue to learn new sounds. More emphasis will be put on blending sounds together to support children to read words independently. Activities or books will be sent home to support your child at their stage of learning.

### Key Questions

What do I celebrate?  
What do other people celebrate?  
Are all celebrations the same?



### Literacy

We will be continuing on our fantastic 'Talk for Writing' storytelling journey. This half term you can look forward to your child retelling you the story of 'The Magic Porridge Pot'. In our WOW writing sessions, children will be starting to write simple words and sentences.

### Expressive Arts and Design

#### Music

In music, we will be listening to and appraising a variety of pieces of music. We will be learning to sing songs for our Christmas Production.

#### Design

We will be designing and making puppets of characters from our Christmas Production.

### Understanding the world

This half term is all about Celebrations. We will be learning about Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas.

#### Seasons

This half term we will learn a bit more about what the four seasons are. We will explore the beauty of these changing seasons through looking at the book 'Tree: Seasons come, Seasons Go', and through observing what is happening to the trees around us.

### Maths

This half term we will be focussing on recognising, representing, subitising, counting, comparison and composition of numbers 4 - 6. We will also develop our knowledge and understanding of 2D shape, length and height.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

A big focus will be on our school rule 'Be Safe' as we think about road safety, bonfire night safety and anti-bullying week.

#### Coat Challenge!

We are encouraging independence by asking all children to practise putting on and doing up their coats by themselves.

### Physical Development

In PE sessions we will be focussing on dance. We will explore different standing and floor shapes we can make with our bodies and think of movements to link the shapes together. We will repeat some of these to create a dance sequence. We will be choreographing, learning and performing dances for our Christmas Production. We will also be developing our fine and gross motor skills through 'dough disco' and 'squiggle while you wiggle' programs.