

Literacy/Kinetic letters

We will continue to learn how to form our letters using the Kinetic Letters scheme. If you would like to learn more about our handwriting sessions, please sign up to the parent workshops on 5th & 6th November.

The children will be working hard on their name writing – please practice at home too! This half term we will also begin with more formal writing tasks e.g. a letter to Santa.

Key texts: Spot's Birthday. Guy Fawkes, The Nativity, Stickman, Twas' the night before Christmas. **Non-fiction:** Kindness, Bonfire Night & Christmas information books.

Phonics

We follow the Little Wandle program (see link at the bottom for parent info and videos) we will learn the following phonemes this half term:

j v w x
y z qu
ch
sh th
ng nk

The children are now starting to blend to read and have their phonics books to practice at home. This half term they will begin spelling CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words during our phonics sessions. They will also be reading short captions.

Mathematics

Please keep an eye on the Talk Newsletter, which we post weekly on ClassDojo. This will tell you what we have been doing in maths sessions that week. Some of the topics we will be covering are subitizing (saying how many there are without counting), finding one more and one less, sorting matching and the composition of numbers and 2D shape work.



Expressive Arts & Design

As Remembrance Day is at the start of this half term, we will be getting creative making poppies and other commemorative pieces of art. We will also be creating art relating to Autumn and the changes we observe outside. Following this, we will be making Christmas cards, calendars and beautiful bunting to help decorate our school for Christmas!

Let's Celebrate!



Autumn 2

Understanding the World

We will continue to observe the changing season and the weather it brings! The children will create a 'journey stick' on their Autumn walks around the school grounds. As Christmas time approaches, we will learn about advent and the story of the Nativity. We will think about our own family traditions as well as learning about how other people celebrate their special occasions.

Communication & Language

We will have discussions about road safety during our special visit from the road safety team. We will be encouraging the children to participate in group discussions, offering their own thoughts and ideas. 'Word Ninja' will continue daily, the children love to see what our word of the day is!

This half-term, our topic is called 'Let's Celebrate!' It always proves a popular topic with the children, as we learn about all different types of celebrations and special times. These include: our birthdays, bonfire night, and Christmas. The buzz leading up to Christmas in school is just magic, and we will be celebrating in many exciting ways!

Physical Development

During indoor PE sessions on Mondays, we will be doing a gymnastics unit called 'High, Low, Over and Under'. The children will learn to move in different ways, using the gym equipment in the hall. On Thursdays, during outdoor PE, our sports coach will support us with ball control, focussing on control of different sized throwing and catching equipment.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will learn about the charity 'Children in Need' and how it can support those who need help and who are less fortunate than ourselves. We will link our PSED work with the school value of 'Kindness' and talk about taking care of each other, making friends and being kind with our words. We will also be celebrating our difference and unique talents!



Our whole-school value this half term is

'Kindness'

