

## Creative Curriculum Theme – Fantastic Festivals!

### Personal, Social and Emotional

- Identify different emotions and they make our bodies feel.
- Take part in simple turn-taking games.
- Talk confidently and listen attentively in a group.

### Understanding the World

- Learn about the traditions of Diwali and Christmas.
- Solve problems and make predictions in experiments.
- Learn about Remembrance Sunday and why it is important.

### Expressive Arts and Design

- Explore movement to music to create a firework dance.
- Make diva lamps for Diwali.
- Learn festive songs and traditions in preparation for the Christmas production.

### English

We will read: 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson, 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' by Janet and Alan Ahlberg and the Christmas Nativity.

We will continue to focus on learning the 42 individual letter sounds.

- Learn a new sound every day using the 'Jolly Phonics' actions and songs.
- Practise writing taught letter sounds.
- Begin to blend and segment sounds for reading and writing.

### Maths

- Continue to focus on number recognition and formation.
- Finding how many altogether when combining two groups.
- Use simple language for time and daily routines.
- 3D shape—Santa's parcels.
- Height—using non-standard units.

### Physical Development

- Continue to develop fine motor skills and pencil control.
- Practise throwing and catching.

### Communication and Language

- Engage in show and tell - Homework or achievements.
- Develop vocabulary around stories and weekly talking points.

### Music

- Learn traditional Christmas songs, using percussion instruments to accompany.
- Practise songs for Christmas production.

Staff: Miss Sunner, Miss Thacker, Ms Homer, Miss Gater and Miss Follows



## Homework

As part of our topic, we have chosen a number of tasks for homework that are linked to the children's learning in school. We would encourage everyone to try out one of the activities below over this half term, however children can complete as many as they like! Children can bring homework in at any time to show their teacher and the rest of the class.

Design and make a Stick Man .

Write a shopping list for things you need for a party.

Use different technology to take photographs of a celebration.

Write a letter to Santa—use your sound cards or mats to help you sound out and write the words.

Make a Christmas decoration.

Create a firework picture.

Design some Christmas wrapping paper—can you use a repeating pattern?

Draw a shape picture of a Snowman—can you use a circle, triangle, rectangle and a square?

### English & Maths

- Letter sounds/word boxes practice - daily
- Read or a share stories - 10 minutes daily with a grown up
- Count out objects – daily opportunities. Can you write the number?
- Count forwards and backwards and say 1 more/ 1 less - daily

