



Welcome to Reception



This half term, our topic is:

Fantastic Festivals

Here is some information on how we will support the children through the 7 areas of learning:

Communication and Language

We will be exploring questioning to find out more and extend our learning.

We will listen carefully to a variety of stories and use story language or our own words to describe and retell in detail.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will take part in Joe Wicks '5 minute move' morning energisers for Children in Need to keep our bodies and minds healthy!

We will explore kindness and create a recipe for friendship.

Physical Development

PE sessions in Reception will continue to be every Wednesday afternoon. Please send your child in shoes suitable for outdoors (preferably without laces!)

We will listen to different types of music and express our feelings through movement and dance, including putting sequences of movement together. We will explore lots of festive music in the lead up to Christmas!

In the classroom, we will continue to explore activities to strengthen and refine our fine motor muscles to support our writing.

Literacy

We will continue to learn the 42 individual letter sounds through Jolly Phonics, learning a new sound each day.

We will begin to learn 'tricky words', these are words that cannot be sounded out! Children will bring these home to practise at home too.

During activities in the classroom, we will be working hard to blend sounds together to read words and segment the sounds in words to write them down, listening carefully for each individual sound!

We will be developing our 'Talk4Writing' skills through lots of story telling, retelling and role-play. We will be creating story maps to help us remember the sequence of a story and use our phonics skills to help us to write.



Maths

We will explore the stories, 'Night Monkey, Day Monkey' by Julia Donaldson and 'Kipper's Birthday' by Mick Inkpen to support children's understanding of time, night and day in order to sequence events.

We will continue to explore numbers, including one more one less and play games to recognise groups of objects without counting.

We will explore positional language and spatial awareness by creating our own maps, describing the way to a destination.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will explore a range of art techniques as we create firework pictures, clay divas and Rangoli patterns for Diwali and a range of Christmas crafts.

We will be practising singing, dancing and performing for our school Nativity!

Understanding The World

We will learn about the traditions of Diwali and Christmas.

We will talk about our own celebrations at home and family traditions.

We will work together to solve problems and make predictions in experiments.

We will talk about the past and learn about Remembrance Sunday and why it is important.





HOME LEARNING

We would be so excited to see any writing, maths and creative activities you have been doing at home. When brought into school we will encourage the children to take part in 'show and tell' to the class. If you would like to explore our 'Fantastic Festival' topic here are some ideas (but please feel free to use your own ideas too):



Design and make a
Stick Man.



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



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



Use different technology
to take
photographs of a
celebration.



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



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