



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.

Physical Development

PE sessions in Reception will be every Wednesday morning. 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.



Maths

We will explore the stories, 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' to help understand composition of numbers 1,2,3.

We will read, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' to help understand spatial awareness and use positional language, including using positional language through modelling and practising every day during tidy up time!

We will continue to explore circles and triangles and go on shape hunts! We will read 'Circle' by Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen.

We will continue to practise writing and recognising numbers to 10.

Expressive Arts and Design

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

We will be practising singing, dancing and performing for our upcoming school Nativity, **Whoops - a Daisy Angel!**

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



We will take part in 'Children in Need' Day so children can understand the concept and introduce the children to the

loveable Pudsey Bear! We will continue to use 'Kindness Vouchers' to celebrate how caring and thoughtful we are.

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.

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,
triangle, 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.