

Phonics and Handwriting

In Phonics this half term, we will be continuing to explore graphemes in the Phase 2 of the 'Little Wandle' phonics scheme. We will continue to blend and segment simple CVC words, before moving onto reading and writing simple captions and sentences. Towards the end of the half term, children will learn digraphs such as sh, ch, th and ng.

In handwriting we will continue to practise picking up our pencil correctly using the 'three friends' group. We will be learning to form the Jumper family of letters (h, b, r, n, m, p), before learning how to form the Abracadabra letter family (c, o, a, d, g, s, q).

Literacy

This half term we will be focussing on a range of fiction and non-fiction stories based around celebrations from around the world. We will develop different literacy skills, such as predicting, identifying objects and writing lists. We will learn new vocabulary that we can apply in our writing.

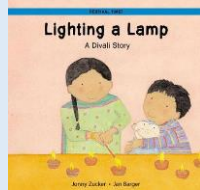
We will continue to apply our growing phonics knowledge to read and writing a range of simple CVC words. Children will begin to read and writing short, simple captions and sentences.

Mathematical Development

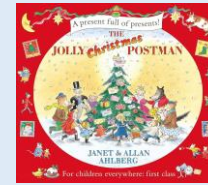
This half term, we will start by learning about the number five. We will explore the composition of five by making it in different ways. Next, we will explore comparing two groups and identifying whether there is an equal number, too many or not enough. Moving on we will begin to explore the language part and whole. We will learn that two parts can add up to the whole. We will investigate ways to compose and decompose numbers 1-5.

Towards the end of the half term we will explore measure and pattern. First, we will compare size, mass and capacity. We will begin to use the vocabulary such as longer, shorter, bigger, full and empty. Finally we will explore, copy and continue simple patterns. We will create our own simple patterns.

Let's Celebrate! Autumn 2



Lighting a Lamp
By Jonny Zucker



The Jolly Christmas Postman
By Janet and Allan Ahlberg

Miss Knowles

Expressive Arts and Design

Our music sessions are all themed around 'Whatever the Weather' this term, where there are lots of opportunities for children to listen and respond to a variety of different styles of music. We will use nursery rhymes and familiar songs to support our learning. We will use a range of tools to support our creative learning, including tweezers, scissors and paintbrushes.

Physical Development

During our PE lessons this half term, our topic is called "Ball Skills". Throughout this unit we will be exploring how to roll, throw, bounce and kick a variety of different sized balls. We will learn how work together through sharing. We will continue to say active by joining in with Go Noodle and Cosmic Kids Yoga. We will continue to develop our fine and gross motor skills within the classroom too, both inside and outside. We will use equipment such as: scissors, pencils, skipping ropes and hoops to develop these skills further.

Understanding the World

We will begin our topic learning about Bonfire Night and the 'Gunpowder Plot' behind the celebration. We will even hold our own EYFS Bonfire Night! Next we will learn about Remembrance Day, Diwali, birthdays and weddings. We will explore different objects associated with the different celebrations. Towards the end of the half term we will explore Christmas. We will learn about the Christian Christmas story, as well as ways Christians celebrate Christmas.