What We are Learning This Half Term - Autumn 2

Our topic is…

Lights in the Sky!

Topic Learning

Our topic this half term is all about celebrations! We will be learning about lots of celebrations including; Halloween, Bonfire Night, Diwali, Birthdays, Hannukah and Christmas. We will be learning about what each of these celebrations are and what are some of the things that happen in these celebrations. We will then be comparing them talking about how they are similar and different from each other. We will also be looking at special places such as churches and temples. We be learning how we all have different beliefs and things, places and events that are special to us. During this topic we will also be looking at colour, we will be exploring mixing colours, changing shades and how colour can be used for effect, as well as how colour is used to celebrate and how certain colours can be significant.

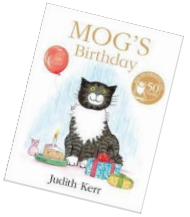
Prime Areas

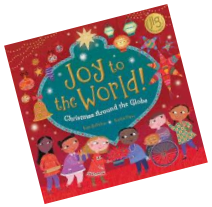
This half term we will continue to focus on our social skills, understanding each other's emotions and solving conflicts. We will build on our conversation skills asking and answering where, how and why questions and focus on using the correct tenses.

We will also be continuing to be independent in our self-care including putting our coats on to go outside now the temperature has dropped, washing our hands well and blowing our own noses if we have a cold.

We will continue to work on our gross motor and pre writing skills in our Squiggle While You Wiggle sessions, as well as focusing on our fine motor skills with lots of threading, cutting and pinching activities.

Some of Our Core Books





Literacy Learning

We will continue learning our single letter sounds in our Little Wandle sessions, this includes how to pronounce each sound using pure sounds, recognising words that begin with that sound and learning how to write the sound using the rhyme to help us. We will also continue to blend words back together playing lots of exciting games to help us understand blending!

We will also be looking at lots of exciting and interesting books linked to our topic as well as our core books for Reception. We will continue to focus on a different book each week that will have been specifically chosen for its link to our topic as well as its specific vocabulary. We will get to know this book in depth looking understanding the language, characters and building up our comprehension skills.

Maths Learning

In maths this half term we will be learning about the shapes circle, triangle, square and oblong. We will be exploring their properties and spotting them in our environment. We will also be learning about the numbers 4 and 5, including identifying different representations of them, finding one more and less, subitising and exploring their composition through addition and subtraction.

Cultural Links and Events

We will begin the half term discussing our experiences of Halloween and Bonfire night. We will learn about Remembrance Day and visit the cenotaph to lay a wreath. We will also be looking at lots of different celebrations such as Diwali and Hannukah. We will discuss our own experiences of Christmas, possibly go on a visit to the post box to post our Christmas list and learn about the Christmas story through our Nativity Play.