



We hope you have had a restful and fun filled break and the children are looking forward to getting stuck into a new half term. Our topic is **Lets Celebrate!**. We will be learning about different celebrations both big and small, from Diwali to a personal achievement.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

During this half term we will continue to develop the children's independence for them to navigate their day with greater ease and control. We will be rehearsing and embedding how to share with peers and strategies and phrases to use if they encounter a disagreement, such as using a sand timer to share a toy. During the first half term we introduced the zones of regulation and identified how we are feeling. We will continue to develop these skills and begin to highlight how others are feeling. We will be teaching the children how to make healthy food choices and the importance of a well-balanced diet and correct tooth brushing and dental hygiene routines (these two areas also come under Physical Development and Understanding of the World).

Literacy and Phonics:

During both our literacy and phonics sessions we will be continuing to teach the children how to identify sounds, blend sounds into words and segment words so they can be written. Literacy lessons will also include simple role plays that act out parts of stories and speaking and listening activities. We will continue with our daily phonics sessions, teaching 3 sounds each week and practising blending and segmenting them on a Thursday and Friday. We will be teaching: ck, e, u, r, h, b, l, ss, ff, ll, j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, and the tricky words: the, no, go, I, into, her, me, be, he, my, by, she,

Communication and Language:

Developing the children's speaking, listening and understanding will continue to be a top priority this half term and will constantly be worked on during play, whole class teaching, small group activities and 1:1 challenges. During this half term we will continue to build the children's focus, especially during whole class teaching and group activities. We will be using games and role plays such as charades and hot seating to introduce and apply new vocabulary and give the children opportunities to talk to the class and in groups. Over the half term we will be asking you to send in pictures of events you celebrate which will be starting points for fantastic conversations.

Maths:

This half term we will be delving deeper into the amounts 0-6. The children will be learning how to find, create and represent these amounts as well as matching the written number to a physical amount. We will be introducing 1 more 1 less and composition of amounts. The children will be taught how to find 1 more and 1 less than an amount/number using objects and by counting on/back. We will use a variety of manipulatives to teach the children how amounts can be combined to create a new amount. Both can be tricky concepts to pick up and will be revisited throughout the half term and whole year.

Physical Development:

The children will continue to develop their physical strength, coordination and balance during their outdoor play and PE lessons. This half term we will be covering gymnastics, and the children will be refining how to climb, jump, land and balance efficiently. Throughout the half term, activities and challenges will be created that improve and develop the children's fine motor skills. We will be aiming to build up all the children's hand strength, so they are comfortable holding pencils, pens and paint brushes.

Understanding the World

This half term is all about celebrations. We will be learning about celebrations from different cultures and communities, both big and small. We want to hear what you celebrate in your households and give the children a wider knowledge of the world we live in. We will learn about religious celebrations and festivals such as Diwali, Christmas and Eid and how these play important roles in people's beliefs. As we move into Winter the children will also continue to develop their understanding of seasonal change.

Expressive Art and Design

Throughout this half term the children will be given opportunities to learn and refine artistic techniques. We will be creating and decorating diya lamps, learning how to create fireworks from oil pastels and how to make party hats in DT.

Other information:

Home Learning:

- Daily reading (5 – 10 mins).
- A task or challenge on Evidence Me.

Important Dates:

- Celebrating Diversity wk. 10/11/25
- Reception open classroom 12/11/25 – Come and see your child's classroom for 15 minutes in the morning
- INSET DAY 28/11/25 – School is closed for children
- Trip to Manor House Library and Park 1st/2nd/4th of December 2025
- Parent teacher meetings wk beginning 1/12/25
- Reception performance 16/12/25
- Christmas jumper and lunch 18/12/25

Notices:

- Book Bags must come into school daily along with reading diaries and books.

