

## Maths

In Maths this half-term we are learning about numbers 1 & 2. building fast recognition of the numeral and quantity by looking saying how many there are with and without counting the items (substitising). Children working at greater depth will be challenged to give explanations and rationale for their answers and will play games that require them to make marks to represent number (tally) as well as writing numerals. We will also introduce repeating patterns and look at how to extend these.

## Literacy

This term in Literacy the children will hear the stories 'Where's Lenny', 'You're Safe With Me' and "Mad About Dinosaurs". New rhymes each week linking to these books will build vocabulary and memory, as well as those used in rhyme time to add to their bank of knowledge about rhythm and rhyme. Letter sounds will be begging to be introduced.

## Communication and Language

We will continue to expand our range of roleplay scenarios starting with a pet shop that links to the story "Where's Lenny?". This allows children to learn new vocabulary introduced by the text of the week and practice words and phrases associated with each play area in a safe environment. This will build confidence in speaking and listening as children begin to play together to explore themes with other children.

## Expressive Arts and Design

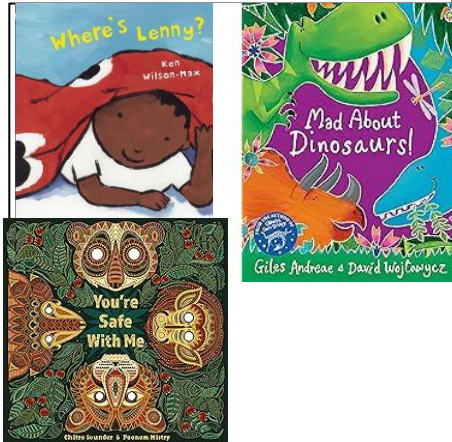
This term starts with a bang with lots of creative activities depicting the fireworks of bonfire night and Diwali. We will expand on the range of materials we use to create pictures spending an increasing amount of time helping the children access the resources that they want, building confidence in doing things their own way. New songs, music and dance will continue to be a feature of self expression as we explore more deeply how we can move and how it makes us feel.

## Personal Social and Emotional Development

In PSHE this term we will be Celebrating Difference. This will include songs and activities that help children accept that everyone is different. We will focus on including others when working and playing, helping someone who is bullied, problem solving, and using kind words giving compliments to friends. There are several cultural and religious celebrations we will be thinking about this half term including Diwali, bonfire night, Remembrance Sunday, Hanukkah and Christmas.

## Nursery

# Dreams and Wonder



## Our stories ...

## Understanding the World

Celebrations explored: Diwali, Hanukkah, Christmas

This term in Science we continue to discuss seasonal changes, materials properties and examine changing states through activities like cooking and attention bucket games.

In RE we will be asking "Why Do We Have Celebrations?" and consider the similarities between various religious and cultural celebrations..

In History/Geography we will explore how past and present toys work as our little elves start getting ready for Christmas.

## Physical Development

This half term the children in P.E will learn all about Manipulation and Coordination. We will be teaching this through lots of different personal skills and group games. We will develop construction skills using a range of building resources from stickle bricks to wooden blocks in order to develop the children's creation of small world scenes to enhance their play. Name writing will be practiced daily.

## Key Dates:

Diwali dance workshop -Wednesday 13th Nov  
Stay Play and Learn - 19th & 22nd November  
9.10 - 9.40 am  
Christmas Nativity - w/c 2nd Dec tbc. by email  
Christmas Movie Night - 10th December 4-5.30pm