Nursery

Dreams and Wonder

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 (subsitising). Children 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.

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 to 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.

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 works as our little elves start getting ready for Christmas.

Literacy
This term in Literacy the children will learn the rhymes "1 potato, 2 potato…" and "Three Little Kittens". Little Wandle rhymes add to their bank of knowledge about rhythm as well as helping build vocabulary and memory. Letter sounds will begin to be introduced over the half term as we continue to practice tuning in to sounds. And we will share the stories 'Bedtime for Monsters" and "Dear Santa"with a range of activities to support the children's understanding.

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.





Our stories …

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 12th November
Christmas sing-a long performance -
2.45 pm Tuesday 2nd December or
2.45 pm Thursday 4th December

Communication and Language
We will continue to expand our range of vocabulary at the appropriate level for each child. Vocabulary linked to celebrations and events this term are brought together in our daily discussions and in the planned activities we offer. The nursery environment is set up to promote play spaces for children to practice words and phrases associated with the topical learning in a safe environment. This will build confidence in speaking and listening as children begin to play together to explore themes with other children.