



Mess and Sparkle!



CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER RECEPTION: AUTUMN (SECOND HALF TERM)

This newsletter is designed to give parents and carers a taste of the coming topic for Reception. We have detailed below the main themes that we hope to cover, although there may be changes to respond to the children's ideas and interests. Some areas of learning will have a greater share of time depending on the topic but we ensure that there is a balance over the year. Children will continue to join in our 'Flexible Friday' curriculum experiences. We hope you find this newsletter useful!

STIMULUS: Festivals, stories and celebrations; lots of creative fun!

Annual Events: Parents Evening, Operation Christmas Child, Remembrance Assembly, Christmas events

COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE & LITERACY:

Retelling special stories in the correct sequence (Divali, Bonfire Night and then Christmas), recalling characters and points of interest. Children will be encouraged to 'mark make' and participate in activities such as role play to stimulate their emergent writing. Some will start to use the sounds and key words they are remembering in their early writing. Children will also learn a variety of poems and songs linked to the topic as well as nursery rhymes to develop memory, speaking and listening skills.

PROBLEM SOLVING, REASONING & NUMERACY:

Children will be learning about shapes and sizes, including using shapes for building and in play, recognising shapes and making simple repeating patterns and models. They will continue with simple counting activities, working with numerals up to 10. They will start to represent numbers and understand how to add two groups together and find the total.

Children will also have the opportunity to use numbers in a variety of play contexts including the role play area e.g. the Post Office.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD:

Finding out about light and dark with the changing seasons and the festival of Divali. Exploring materials and tools in their designing and making of Christmas items. Visiting St Andrew's Church for concerts and special occasions.

PERSONAL & SOCIAL:

Learning that we all must be treated with respect as we are all special and all different. Exploring festivals from our own and other cultures.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS & DESIGN:

Colour mixing and exploration is our first main art theme linked to the stories we are sharing. They will draw, paint pictures, explore textures and craft materials with a variety of festive making activities. Children will be learning a variety

of songs especially those in preparation for our Christmas concerts. They will further develop their imagination and make up stories linked to the festivals they study. They will have the opportunity to explore colours linked to winter as the season changes.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT:

Gymnastics Unit: 'Journeys'. Learning about travel in different directions, safety in jumping and landing and how to transport and store equipment safely in PE.

Dance Unit: 'Whizz, Bang, Pop!' Linked to fireworks and festivals and they will experiment with different movements.

The children will continue to have access to the outside area while the weather allows.

Don't forget you can help at home with daily reading, playing maths games and learning a variety of Nursery Rhymes and songs.