

# Winter Festivals

By the end of this topic we will...

## Communication and Language

Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens. Understand 'why' questions, like: 'Why did Rama look for Sita?' We will be able to sit and listen carefully whilst on the carpet and follow the class rules on carpet time. We will be learning and using new words and vocabulary from our stories and experiences.

We will be able to listen and engage with non fiction and information texts.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Have learnt to identify and understand what empathy is. We will begin to think of others and how they feel. We will have learnt about Harvest and what having enough food means. We will have learnt about Remembrance Day and what war is. We will share our ideas on war and fighting.

## R.E

We will have considered the question— Where Do I Belong and Why? - we will learn basic principles about belonging and identifying with groups— eg- Sports Clubs Rainbows, The Little Conkers' Class etc.

We will learn key religious stories from Christmas, Diwali and Channukah.

## Literacy— Writing

Children will have learnt Phase 2 Phonics and be working on writing and correctly forming 1 letter sounds. They will be working on big letter formation in the correct direction. The children will have learnt rhymes to help them. They will continue enjoying Wiggle Whilst You Squiggle to develop gross motor muscles and also Dough Disco and lots of manipulative activities to develop fine motor muscles.

They will have learnt to write their name. and will be continuing to practice it.

## Literacy—Reading

Children will have learnt how to recognise 1 letter sounds and be practising blending them into simple CVC words. They will be learning to read Phase 2 High Frequency Words and use them when reading captions and simple sentences.

Children will have learnt how to recognise their name. and read and recognise logos.

## Maths

Children will have become more secure in their understanding of numbers to 5. They will be counting to 10 and beyond. They will have learnt to name and use 2D shapes and have used them to create pictures. They will have begun to explore number bonds to 5 and change within 5 and have gained an awareness of positional language and spatial awareness through scavenger hunts and games.

## Understanding of The World

We will have learnt about History by looking at the passage of time through events such as The Gunpowder Plot, World War 1 and 2 and more recent conflicts. We will have learnt about the changing seasons and what Autumn is. We will have learnt about Harvest time and how it is celebrated. We will have learnt some basic facts about Christianity, Hindu and Jewish religions and the festivals of Christmas, Diwali and Channukah. We will have enjoyed a Diwali day experience and preparing for Christmas.

We will have practised and performed our own Nativity play.

## Physical Development

We will learn to develop our gross and fine motor muscles through daily physical activities and P.E lessons. We will be concentrating on fundamental movement skills including running, walking, skipping, hopping and climbing. We will go on walks in our local environment, visit the play park and enjoy the daily mile to increase our stamina, skills and strength.

We will enjoy playing simple team games such a tig, parachute Games, caterpillar Races, Train Driver races and more.

## Expressive Art and Design

We will use different materials, paints, crayons and colours to create pieces of expressive art. We will paint and draw firework pictures, poppies, pictures of fruits and vegetables and autumn scenes. . We will use the construction toys and role play materials to act out and play stories and real world situations. We will enjoy using the musical instruments to express our feeling and to help us enhance our play.