



Let's Celebrate! Reception Newsletter Autumn 2 2025



Communication and Language (CL)

We will be talking about different celebrations and how they are important to different people. We will be talking about our own experiences and comparing them to other communities.

Literacy (L)

This is a very busy topic and we will be writing Christmas lists, letters to Santa, cards for celebrations and lots of other things. We will continue to do phase 2/3 phonics with a focus on blending sounds to make words. Your support with sharing reading books is really valued. Please continue to record your comments in the reading log and practise the tricky words sent home with your child.

Understanding the World (UW)

We will be finding out about festivals and how they are celebrated, through stories and books and talking about festivals we have celebrated at home.

We will be going to the ICT suite every week to use a range of programs on the computers and using the IWB in class too.

Personal Social Emotional Development

In Circle time we will be discussing how we celebrate different festivals - food, clothes, presents, music, routines etc. We will be talking about how we feel during different celebrations. If you have any photos of your child at a celebration we would love to put them on our class display.

Physical Development (PD)

This half term we will have dance sessions with Mrs Buchanan every Wednesday. The children are doing really well with dressing independently, please encourage them to practise at home too. We will be doing lots of fine motor activities too and learning how to hold writing tools and form our letters correctly.

Expressive Art and Design (EAD)

We have lots of exciting, creative activities planned based on different celebrations. We will be learning and singing Christmas songs, so expect lots of singing at home!

Mathematics (M)

In Number we will continue to subitise to 5, count and recognize numbers to 10 and beyond. We will be finding 1 more and 1 less and adding and subtracting objects to find a total.

In Shape, Space and Measures we will be learning about measuring length and weight. We will be thinking about time, looking at activities that we do during the day and at night.

Class Donations

As Christmas is fast approaching any donations of glitter, sequins and sparkly gems would be much appreciated!

Celebration photos

Please add a photo on tapestry of your child at a celebration so we can share in our topic session e.g. a birthday party, bonfire night, Halloween, Eid, Diwali, Easter, a wedding, christening etc.



A Wriggly Nativity

We will be starting our rehearsals for our Christmas nativity. We will be in touch soon with lines and costume details! More details to follow!

Dates for the Diary

Parents evenings - Monday 10th & Wednesday 12th November

Nursery rhyme dress up day 17th November

Dress down days - 20th November (chocolate)

- 28th November (bottle)

Vision screening - 20th November

Children in Need Day - 21st November

Cinema visit - 24th or 25th November TBC

Christmas Fair - Friday 28th November

Reception Nativity - Tuesday 2nd December 9.30 or 2.30.

More details to follow.

Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day - 5th December

Christmas party - 18th or 19th December TBC

Little Wandle books

Before half term we completed our phonics assessments and the books sent home on Friday will be matched to your child's phonic ability. If they are not yet blending they will bring home wordless books. Please continue to practice the activities sent home. Little Wandle books **must** be returned on a Monday so that another group can use it for their shared reading in school.