

## Understanding the World

This half term, we will explore a range of different celebrations, including Diwali and Christmas. We will share the things we celebrate and how we celebrate them. We will begin to identify some similarities and differences between ourselves and others. We will continue to spot signs in the outdoor environment, to recognise and express some signs of Autumn/Winter by using our senses.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term, we are going to be exploring how we can keep on trying when finding something difficult. We will continue to support the children enjoying a sense of belonging through being involved in daily tasks. Our theme, exploring celebrations, will support us to show empathy and concern for other people.

## Communication and Language

This half term, we will explore and begin to understand humour, e.g. nonsense rhymes, jokes. We can use talk to explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next, both in play and in stories.

## Physical Development

We will continue to practice movement skills such as rolling, crawling, walking, jumping, running, hopping, skipping and climbing through PE and play.

We will refine fine motor skills using tweezers, playdough and threading activities across our play environment.

We will practice how to hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing, using the tripod grip in almost all cases. We will also work on developing our scissor skills including holding scissors, being safe and making snips.

We will use our developing motor skills to manage the school day successfully, including using appropriate tools at mealtimes.

# Autumn 2

# Food and Celebrations

## Mathematics

Through our 'Mastering Number' maths, we will explore early number facts, as well as recognition and composition of early number. We will focus on subitising skills and explore different representations of early numbers.

Through our White Rose maths curriculum, we will explore numbers 1-5 in depth. This will help us to explore number composition, counting and different Representations.

We will then explore 2D shapes, including circles, triangles and shapes with 4 sides. We will try to recognise the shapes themselves, as well as explore their properties.

## Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will be exploring and playing with a range of materials to make sound and marks.

We will use an array of resources to support our understanding of how things are used and the effects they give. We will create Diya lamps to learn about celebration of Diwali, and cards and salt dough Christmas decorations. This will allow us to explore textures, design choices and techniques.

We will use preparation from our Christmas play to practice singing in a group or on our own.

## Literacy

We will learn to read all Set 1 single-letter sounds and blend sounds into words orally. We will recognise words with the same initial sound.

Through our stories and writing, we will work on understanding that print has meaning and that we read English text from left to right, top to bottom.

We will have a favourite book/non-fiction text/poem and seek them out to share with an adult, another child or to read alone., repeating words and phrases from familiar stories.

We will work on writing some letters accurately and writing our names accurately. We will apply our writing to greeting cards and lists.