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Year R Curriculum Letter – Autumn Term 2 – Mrs Toy and Mrs Harris

This half term, we will be learning about celebrations as a hugely important part of human life. We will be exploring the ways in which people and cultures, from every part of the world, take part in and hold celebrations to mark special events and special times in people’s lives. To link in with one of our quality texts (which will remain a secret for now), we will also be exploring our school grounds, looking at what different areas are used for, and what can be found there. Please read below to find out what else we will be learning this half term.

Literacy – Reading, Writing and Comprehension

In **phonics**, we will continue to learn and reinforce the single letter Set 1 sounds. Then we will begin to learn the following ‘special friends’ (digraphs): sh, th, ch, qu, ck, ng and nk.

Reading:

Oral Segmenting – this is when you split a word up into its individual sounds (h-a-t). We call this ‘Fred talk’.



Oral blending – this is when you blend the sounds together to say the word (hat). We use a blending arm motion from left to right to help blend the sounds together.



Writing:

We will continue to learn how to write the different sounds that we have learned. We will begin to label pictures by writing the first sound and then all the sounds in order.

Other quality texts which will be used to enhance learning:



We will also watch:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02qybd9>

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will reflect on these statements:

- I know we are all different.
- I know how we are different.
- I know why someone might not feel welcome.
- I know how I can make someone feel welcome.

What happens in the world around us?



Expressive arts and design

We will experiment with instruments to create firework noises. We will use a range of art materials and loose parts to create pictures of fireworks, poppies, Rangoli patterns and mehndi patterns.

Maths – The children will learn to:

- Subitise or count to find how many objects there are.
- Subitise different arrangements:
- Use the language of comparison: more than and fewer than.
- Learn the composition of numbers within 5 – spotting smaller numbers ‘hiding’ inside larger numbers.
- Connect quantities and numbers to finger patterns and explore different ways of representing numbers on their fingers.

Understanding the World

We will learn that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways. We will look at aerial views of the school setting, commenting on what we notice, recognising buildings, open space, roads and other special features.

Knowledge Organiser:

What is a celebration?

A celebration is a special time to remember a day, or something that has happened. There are lots of celebrations all throughout the year.

We will also learn the word 'commemorate' when we think about why we wear poppies for Remembrance Day.



Colourful fireworks



A roaring bonfire



Bonfire Night

Bonfire night is when people remember a man called Guy Fawkes. On Bonfire Night you might see;



A dazzling sparkler



A fire engine

Rama and Sita



A diva



Diwali

Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights, celebrated between October and November. People remember when Rama and Sita returned home. People wear new clothes, decorate their hands and houses, give sweets and gifts to each other and put lights in their houses.



Rangoli



Mehndi

Christmas Tree



Decorations



Christmas

Christmas is a celebration. Christians remember that Jesus was born in Bethlehem on 25th December. People give cards and gifts to each other, decorate their houses, have a special dinner with friends and family and sometimes go to church.



Bethlehem



A church

Ideas for supporting your child's learning:



Practice segmenting words for your child to blend, for example, "Can you go to b-e-d? (bed) or "Please drink your m-i-l-k." (milk).



When playing at home or tidying, practice counting toys, knives and forks for the dinner table, shoes, scoops when cooking etc.



Keep an eye out on SeeSaw for the next home discussion challenge which includes things to talk about as a family. Please do spend some time together as a family, asking and answering the discussion questions.

With very best wishes,
Mrs Toy and Mrs Harris