

# The Reception theme this half term is

## 'Lets Party!'

We will be learning about many different celebrations including bonfire night, christenings, birthdays, Diwali and Christmas.

This covers many areas of the curriculum as shown below...

**PSED**— As part of our personal, social and emotional development we will build on children's confidence so that they become more outgoing and confident in new social situations. We will continue to support children in sharing and taking turns as well as becoming independent learners who enjoy the responsibility of carrying out independent tasks.

**Maths**— Our maths focus begins with matching numerals to quantities and then ordering numbers. We will be working on finding one more and one less than a group of 1-5, then 1-10 objects and understanding how to represent numbers using our fingers, marks on paper and practically with objects. In shape space and measure we will be learning to describe properties of 2D and 3D shapes, sequence events and create/describe patterns.

**Literacy**— In writing we will be using our sound knowledge to write simple words when labelling a bonfire scene. We will be writing cards for different occasions and using our letter writing skills to write to santa.

In Reading we will continue to take part in daily read write inc sessions. Please ensure children bring their books and reading record to school daily as reception children are read with throughout the week. Please be aware that reception class books are changed once a week.

**Expressive arts and design** — We love to get creative in reception class and will be using simple tools and techniques to create a range of models and decorations this half term. This includes creating a firework scene, designing and making party hats, christmas cards and decorations and a Diwali lantern.

Any donations of egg boxes, yoghurt pots, margarine tubs, kitchen roll tubes and milk bottle tops will be greatly appreciated

We will also be making and tasting, bonfire toffee, parkin and mince pies. We will be exploring the different sounds and names of instruments to accompany our new topic and christmas songs.

**Understanding the world—**

We will be discussing many familiar celebrations and comparing how they are celebrated differently around the world using technology to research this.

**Physical Development-** We will continue to develop our fine motor skills, holding a pencil near its point between the first two fingers and thumb with good control to write captions, label pictures and form many letters. The children will be given the opportunity to continue to practice their cutting skills when making Diwali lanterns. We will also develop our gross motor skills through practising ball skills, throwing, catching, rolling and bouncing. In PE our main focus will be following instructions and moving in different ways. Please ensure your child continues to attend school in their PE kit every Thursday and Friday.

**Enrichment—**

School visit from Reverend Tracy  
Christmas Party

We are looking forward to another busy, fun filled half term ahead of us. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation!  
Any questions— Please speak to a member of the reception team.

Best Wishes,  
Miss Bracken, Miss Lovelock and the reception team.