

MEDLOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

In Autumn Term 2 the Reception classes theme will be “Let’s Celebrate”

Communication & Language.

We will continue to work on how to listen carefully and make it explicit to children that this is one way that we can learn. Children will be encouraged to comment on stories they have heard and join in with repeated sections of the story ie ‘Run, run as fast as you can, you can’t catch me, I’m the gingerbread man.’ We will introduce the children to new vocabulary through stories, rhymes and songs and this will be repeated regularly so they can understand it and use it themselves.

Computing: We will be using computational thinking skills to create scarves with repeating patterns for snowmen and following instructions for making pumpkin soup and bird feeders.

Literacy development: This half term we will be sharing stories that involve different celebrations. We will be learning about features of non fiction texts such as recipes, invitations, letters and cards. We will be having a go at using some key features of this type of writing and understand that writing has a purpose. The children are taking part in daily phonics lessons learning their alphabet sounds and putting these together to read and spell simple words . Children are also taking part in reading practise sessions and guided writing sessions where they will be able to put what they have learnt in phonics into practise.

Mathematical Development: We will focus on counting for a purpose, saying one number name for one object and understanding that the last number we say when counting tells us how many there are. Children will be deepening their understanding of numbers up to 5 and thinking about what smaller numbers are inside them. The children will also be comparing amounts of objects and developing their understanding of the language ‘more than ‘, ‘fewer than’ and ‘equal’.

Understanding the World: We will be learning about a variety of celebrations that our children take part in, ie Halloween and Bonfire Night and other celebrations from around the world such as Diwali, Advent and Christmas. The children will be encouraged to talk about their own experiences of these events both past and present. We will be learning about how people celebrate different festivals and the foods that people prepare for celebrations. In Science we will continue to talk about the weather and seasonal changes and think about how this affects the clothing we wear. We will be looking closely at objects ie leaves or items frozen in ice using magnifying glasses and when making pumpkin soup and gingerbread men how ingredients change as we chop, mix, heat and bake them.

Expressive art and Design: We are continuing to learn how to colour mix and help the children to make the colours they want to represent. In our junk modelling area we will be encouraging the children to think about and discuss what they want to make.

Music: We will be naming all the different instruments. We will be developing our singing voice in different ways through speed, loud, quiet, high and low sounds , distinguishing sounds and by using actions. We will follow the pulse of a simple song and learn new songs and rhymes and repeating these regularly. We will also be singing christmas songs along with other celebration songs.

Physical Development

This half term we will continue to take part in weekly P.E. sessions with our P.E coach. We will be learning to organise and match various items, images, colour and symbols. We will work with a partner to listen share ideas and choose. We will collect distinguish and differentiate colours and create as a team. We will be learning how to move confidently and cooperatively in space and how to travel in a range of ways.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be learning how to use the regulation zones to show our feelings, tolerance and attention. We will be learning how to keep trying if something is difficult and challenging. We will be learning how to make independent choices, being friendly and asking adults for help. We will also recap on using our zones of regulation and learn about who keeps us safe in school and at home especially as the nights grow darker, and bonfire night approaches.

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Experiences	
Week 1	Spooky week dressing up in costumes
Week 2	Making pumpkin soup Visiting book fair with class
Week 3	Invite lolly pop man / lady in
Week 4	Making gingerbread men.
Week 5	Making a pop up Christmas card
Week 6 and 7	Visit from Santa Christmas party

Stories	
Week 1	Pumpkin Soup
Week 2	Pumpkin Soup Recipes
Week 3	Gingerbread Man
Week 4	Gingerbread man Recipes
Week 5	Kippers Birthday
Week 6	Kippers Birthday
Week 7	Reading and following instructions for making a bird feeder

Key Learning Focus	
Celebrations	Festivals ie Diwali, Bonfire Night Halloween, Advent, Christmas.
Festivals	Learning how and why we celebrate the many festivals there are at this time of year. Continuing on from last half term we are learning about which stories are special and why? Children will learn that some books are holy and they will listen to stories from these books and compare them.
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Composition Comparison of numbers	What numbers to 5 are made up of. Fewer than, more than and what equal looks like.
Performing	Singing Christmas songs.

Rhymes & Songs	
Week 1	Halloween song
Week 2	Autumn leaves song
Week 3/4	5 little conkers
Week 5	Happy birthday song in English and French https://www.rocketlanguages.com/french/lessons/happy-birthday-in-french
Week 6, 7 &	Christmas songs

Key Vocabulary	
Celebrate, celebration, party, festival	Halloween, pumpkins, gingerbread, birthdays, Diwali, Bonfire night
	Keeping safe, bonfire night, fireworks
Once upon a time, one day, unfortunately, luckily.	Front cover, back cover, title, picture, words, sentence, full stop, capital letter, finger spaces.

Parent sessions
Reading meeting parents meeting/workshop Date 2.10.23