

Let's Celebrate!

Reception Autumn 2



The Big Idea: What do you celebrate? Does everyone celebrate the same festival or special day? We will be looking at various festivities both in the UK and abroad. We will explore and discuss why different people celebrate different occasions. We will listen to music and learn a traditional dance. At Chinese New Year, we will explore dragon parades and create Chinese writing. We will even have a birthday party for our class mascots!

Communication and Language

We will be....

- Exploring different celebrations such as Diwali, Eid, Christmas, birthdays, Hanukkah and many more
- Learning and singing some Christmas songs outside

At Home:

- Talk about something you celebrate at home; email in pictures of any celebrations you have had or been to

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be....

- Responding to significant experiences during circle time
- Having virtual assemblies on how to be a good role model, as well as celebrating achievements

At Home:

- Talk about how you are feeling e.g. when you are most happy, when you are sad and what you can do to help (cuddle a bear/talk to an adult)

Physical Development

We will be....

- Developing our fine motor muscles in a range of ways including using tweezers, peg dancing and making gifts
- Practising our letter formation
- Using the KS2 playground apparatus to develop our gross motor skills

At Home:

- Practise holding a pencil correctly
- See how quickly you can get dressed in the morning

Literacy

We will be....

- Writing celebration cards, invitations, shopping lists and our Christmas lists
- Reading stories linked to many different celebrations such as:
Twas the night before Christmas by Clement Clarke Moore
How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers
Marvin gets Mad by Joseph Theobald

At Home:

- Share stories with your child. What sounds can you spot?

Mathematics

We will be....

- Exploring numbers to 10 in greater depth
- Using the mastery approach of focusing on a number each week; finding ways to make the number and counting objects of that amount

At Home:

- Look for numbers in the world around you, spot numbers on doors and buses
- Play some board games using dice to help with number recognition

Understanding the World

We will be....

- Learning and participating in different celebrations
- Developing an awareness of, and an interest in, cultural and religious differences

At Home:

- Talk about what you celebrate within your family
- Send an email in a photo or memorable object of a festival/special day that you have celebrated

Expressive Arts & Design

We will be....

- Making Christmas cards
- Using clay to create diva lamps for Diwali
- Making patterned wrapping paper for our Christmas presents!

At Home: See if you can create a seasonal picture linked to winter, try using different types of materials!