

# Pre-School Newsletter Autumn 2 2017



Bonfire/Diwali/Winter/Christmas/

This half term, our learning will focus around Bonfire night, Diwali, Winter and Christmas.



## Personal, social and emotional development

We are focusing on:

- Talking about our feelings in a way in which we can encourage children to express how they are feeling (happy, sad,) so that we can help them to have a happier start to the day.
- Choose books and puppets that can help children to explore their ideas about friends and friendships and talk about feelings.

## Communication and language development

We will be focusing on:

- Singing and saying rhymes
- Listening to stories and rhymes
- Singing Christmas songs
- Children's enjoyment of spoken and written language specifically

## Physical development

We are:

- Encouraging children to be active and energetic by organising lively games and activities (Tom's trail, bikes)
- Encouraging children's self care and independence with toileting, washing hands ,using knives and forks when eating.

### Literacy

We will be listening to our favourite and new stories about festivals and celebrations.  
We will be learning how to mark make in a variety of ways.  
We will be encouraging children to recognise their own names.  
Supporting children to develop their pencil grip.

### Numeracy

We will be learning to recognise numerals and sing number songs and rhymes.  
Recite numbers in order 1-5, then 1-10.  
Use number language in play.  
Know that the quantity of something has changed when we add or take something away.

### Expressive arts and design

We will be using different materials to construct and create different effects in the workshop area. We will be teaching the children to use tools like scissors and paint brushes.

### Understanding the world

We will be investigating and talking about the changes we can see in the environment now that it's nearly winter. We are investigating the weather and signs of winter.

**Please provide your child with a waterproof coat and wellies for outdoor learning in wet weather.**

#### Important dates for your diary:

Children in Need Friday 17th Nov– bring a pound and wear dressing up, or wear something spotty, or casual clothes.  
Go to the Children in Need Bun Sale.

**PARENTS/CARERS: Your child's Record of Achievement folder will be available for you to look at and write a comment from week beginning 20th November.**

**EYFS CHRISTMAS SONGS AND RHYMES CONCERTS:** Tuesday 12th December (9.15 AM) and Wednesday 13th December (2.15 PM)