EYFS

Curriculum Overview
Autumn 2

Communication and Language

This half term, we will continue to build children's confidence as talkers and listeners. The children will keep using their 'Word Wizard' skills to explore new vocabulary linked to our experiences and celebrations, beginning with Halloween and Bonfire Night. We are also introducing the VIPERS skills to help children talk more deeply about stories, songs and rhymes—especially during our Nativity rehearsals.

Phonics

This half term, children will be taught in small, carefully matched groups based on their next steps in the Read Write Inc (RWI) phonics programme. This allows us to provide focused teaching so every child can make the best possible progress with reading and writing. Children will continue to practise blending sounds to read words and spelling using 'Fred Talk'. They may bring home different resources to support their group's learning—please use these to reinforce their phonics skills in a fun, positive way at home.

Maths

We will continue to develop our counting skills through a daily Maths session, alongside varied opportunities throughout the day to apply and practice these skills. We will work with numbers up to 5, exploring cardinality (understanding the last number you say when counting tells you how many there are) and composition (different ways numbers can be made). We will begin to introduce numerals, relating these to numbers we can subitise and count.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

Our Jigsaw topic this half term is 'Celebrating Differences'. We will be thinking about things we are good at whilst understanding that everyone is good at different things.

RE

We will be learning about the Nativity Story in the run up to Christmas. We will listen to the story and perform a Nativity to an audience. We will learn about the different characters in the story and talk about how they are special. We will connect the story to our own experiences and talk about feelings when a new baby arrives in the family.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term, our Nativity performance will, quite literally, take centre stage! We will be learning new songs, movement and dances to perform in a group, trying to match pitch, follow melodies and copy choreographed routines. We will also visit a theatre show that brings a famous book to life, giving us the chance to watch, talk about and respond to performance art. Children will continue to explore the Learning Landscape, building on previous creations, experimenting with new techniques and expressing their ideas and feelings through art, music and movement.

Understanding the World

This half term, we will continue to explore our surroundings and the changing seasons, observing the weather and updating our weather charts each day. We will learn about the experiences of others and how different people celebrate Christmas. We will also explore the past, sharing our own memories and family traditions from previous Christmases and comparing them to how celebrations happen today.

PE

Our PE sessions will focus on travelling with confidence, in different ways and moving into spaces to avoid others.

Handwriting

As our fine motor skills are developing, we will start learning about how to hold writing implements effectively. We will learn about good posture for writing and begin to form some letters using the correct formation.