



EYFS Curriculum Overview

Autumn Term 2 2024-25

Nursery Rhymes/Let's Celebrate!

Key Vocabulary

- Celebration, festival, traditions. Diwali, Hindu, Rama, Sita, Ravana, banished
- Guy Fawkes, parliament, plot
- Rhyme, pair, same, different
- More, greater, less, fewer, subitising, comparing, 2D shapes, properties, corners, sides, square, triangle, circle, rectangle

Communication, Language and Literacy

We will be focusing on these nursery rhymes:

- Incy Wincey Spider, Humpty Dumpty and Hickory Dickory Dock
- Old Mother Hubbard, Sing a Song of Sixpence and Little Miss Muffet
- Twinkle Twinkle and Row Row Row your Boat and fun adapted version of these rhymes.

This half term we will be:

- Listening out for rhyming words in rhymes and stories, and thinking about why those words rhyme;
- Learning how to sequence a nursery rhyme;
- Enjoying learning adapted versions of familiar rhymes and discussing differences and similarities;
- Broadening our vocabulary by discussing unfamiliar vocabulary from the past, which are featured in some of our nursery rhymes;
- Sharing the story 'Dear Mother Goose' by Michael Rosen & Nick Sharratt and creating our own alternative endings to known nursery rhymes;
- Performing our favourite nursery rhymes to the class.

In Phonics we will be reviewing the sounds taught so far and practising using those sounds in blending for reading and segmenting for writing. We will be encouraging letter formation to support this. We will be continuing to learn more sounds of the alphabet including digraphs where two letters together make one sound. We will also have a big focus on writing our names by ourselves.

Personal, social and emotional

- Our Jigsaw topic will be 'Celebrating Difference.' Through this topic we will continue to think about what makes us all unique and special.
- We will be thinking about the special talents that we all have- what things are we good at?
- We will also be thinking about how to be a kind friend and how to stand up for ourselves when we need to.

Mathematics

Through the White Rose Maths Scheme, we will be exploring the units: It's Me 1,2,3, Circles and triangles, 1,2,3,4,5 and Shapes with 4 sides. Within these units we will:

- Be exploring the concepts of 1 more and 1 less;
- Continue to deepen our understanding of the composition of numbers up to 5 including subitising and representing those numbers;
- Use stories to help us think about mathematical concepts in fun and creative ways;
- Learn about and hunt for 2D shapes in the environment, we will then use our understanding of number to support discussions about the shapes and their properties.

Physical development

In PE the focus this half term is dance. We will explore how our bodies can move to music before putting some of these movements together to make up our own dance.

The children will continue to:

- Develop their fine motor skills for writing using a variety of fun, play based activities;
- Practise holding scissors safely and learning to cut along a line with accuracy;
- Develop their gross motor skills through playing in the reception garden using various equipment.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

We will learn about:

- Diwali- the story of Rama and Sita
- Guy Fawkes
- Fireworks safety
- Remembrance Day and the significance of the poppy
- St Andrew's Day
- Christmas and how it is celebrated.

We will also be beginning to learn about the past and present through nursery rhymes such as 'Old Mother Hubbard' & 'Sing a song of Sixpence'.

Creative

- We will enjoy a range of fun crafts linked to our focus nursery rhymes.
- Diwali, Bonfire night and Christmas celebrations will also really inspire our art and craft masterpieces this half term.
- The children will be exploring new techniques, including splatter painting inspired by Jackson Pollock and working with clay.
- We will be working together to learn Christmas songs and to put together our Christmas performance.