



EYFS Curriculum Newsletter

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Festival and Celebrations

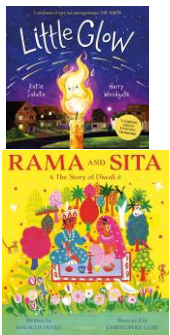


Our topic for this half term is Festivals and Celebrations

Big Idea - We all go to bed at night when the sun goes down, but what happens when the moon and stars come out? Who is still awake? We will discover which animals are out at night. We will learn about different celebrations and how light is involved.

Big Questions

Why do we celebrate in different ways? How do we celebrate? Who helps us?



Reading, Writing and Phonics: This half term we will build on our phonic knowledge, learning more sounds including digraphs - two letters that make one sound, like ck and ff. We will continue to write words using our taught sounds, and will extend our ideas into full sentences, like 'It is a cat.' In our English lessons we will learn how non-fiction texts can help us learn new information and will be sequencing the events of fiction texts.



Maths

Number: We will be extending our understanding of number to include 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. We will count forwards and backwards, exploring what is one more and one less. Children will represent numbers in different ways and give reasons for their thinking.

Numerical patterns: This half term the children will be learning about the difference between 2D shapes and their properties. What makes a circle, triangle or square? Does it have straight or curved sides? Where can we find these shapes around us? Each week we will have a focus number and shape of the week.

KIRFS: To develop your child's fluency and mental maths skills, we USE KIRFs throughout school. **KIRFS are a way of helping your child to learn by heart, key facts, and information which they need to have instant recall of.** This topic we are looking at saying the number names in order forwards and backwards to 5 as well as subitising to 5. Use the link below for further support with Maths:

<https://www.moorlandsprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Maths&pid=118>

Reading

Thank you for taking the time to read with your children, it is making such a positive difference that all staff in school can see! Reading books are changed weekly when we have read with your child in school. Please leave your child's reading packet in your child's book bag each day. We will start moving towards books with words now that children are more confident with the skills of blending and segmenting. Please remember to make a brief comment in your child's reading record as to how they got on with the book.

Further areas of learning this half term

Expressive arts and design: This half term we will explore different printing techniques – using our bodies to act as printing ‘plates’, rubbing textures from other objects and combining these into a larger piece.

Understanding the world: We will be learning about different festivals and celebrations. How does your family celebrate? We all have birthdays, but some people celebrate Diwali, Hannukah or Christmas. We will learn more about the special food, clothes and presents that people give.

Physical development: We will continue working to improve our fine motor skills, using scissors to cut paper, holding our pencils with a firm grip and joining materials together. In our P.E lessons we will focus on developing our gross motor and listening skills allowing us to join in whole class games.

Communication and language: Children will develop their questioning skills – asking and answering questions about what has been read to them and what they have read. They will practice holding conversations about one idea with others.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: We will find out about other families and understand that not all families are like our own. Sometimes we celebrate in different ways. We will think about the goals we want to achieve and how we can work towards them.

Reminders

Your child should bring their book bag and water bottle to school every day. Please ensure they have a PE kit and wellies in school. **Homework:** There are now new phonic activities in our homework books to help us practice and apply our new skills. Children should be able to recall all the taught sounds and use segmenting and blending to read simple words. When your child has completed a homework activity, we ask that you put their blue homework book in their bag, so we can mark it. We mark homework on Wednesdays. **P.E.** Please ensure that your child has the correct, named P.E kit in school. No jewellery can be worn.

Contact Details

Please do contact us if you have any questions or require any further support!

Please note that these emails may not be checked on a daily basis, please contact the School Office on 01484 655800 if your query is urgent or we can speak to you before or after teaching hours

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Important Dates

19th December – Reception Nativity

