






Year R, Term 2: What do we celebrate?

Dear Families,

Welcome back, we hope you have a lovely half term break! Here are some of the themes we will cover this term.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development	Communication and Language	Physical Development
<p>Our circle time focus this term is 'Celebrating Difference'. We use a character called Jigsaw Jenie during circle time to role play scenarios and share our thoughts and feelings. We will learn to talk positively about ourselves and others and celebrate the different things we are good at and what makes us unique.</p> 	<p>Key skills we will be developing this term are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining attention and listening to others • Following a 2 part instruction • Responding to how and why questions • Using longer sentences with words like 'because' and 'and' to communicate 	<p>Our focus for PE this term is exploring different ways of moving and focussing on co-ordination and balance. We will explore this theme through a variety of fun games! We will learn how to hold mark making implements and use them with control. We will help the children to develop a tripod grip to hold a pencil correctly. We will also practise using tools such as scissors and clay tools.</p> 
<p>You can support learning at home by....</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to your child about what makes them special. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give your child 2 part instructions to follow at home as part of daily routines e.g. 'put your pyjamas on and then clean your teeth'. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give your child opportunities to practise using scissors and mark making tools such as pens, pencils and paintbrushes.
Literacy	Mathematics	Theme
<p>We will be continuing to learn our alphabet sounds and use these to read and write simple words e.g. cat, map, pin, etc. We have all brought a reading book home by now so children will be listened to once a week by an adult.</p> 	<p>Key skills we will be developing :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counting small sets accurately • Matching numerals to sets • Recognising and ordering numerals 1 to 10 • Begin to add and subtract small amounts to 5. 	<p>This term we will explore the question: 'What do we celebrate?' There will be opportunities for children to find out about different celebrations and share their own celebration experiences.</p>  <p>SAVE THE DATE: RECEPTION STAY AND PLAY 19TH DECEMBER 2:40PM</p>
<p>You can support learning at home by....</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to your child read their reading book and ask them questions about what they have read 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot shapes with your child in the environment and encourage them to use everyday language to describe them e.g. round, big, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to your child about special times you celebrate as a family
<p>Loving to Learn, Learning to Love</p>		