



Reception

Topic
*Celebrations and
seasons*

Autumn 2
2018

Areas of Learning



Literacy

Our books this half-term will be based around celebrations and seasons. They will include:

- Owl Babies
- The Enormous Turnip
- The Gruffalo/The Gruffalo's Child
- Books linked to Christmas

Children will continue to bring a reading book home and may also have some additional linked activities such as word boxes to help children sound out and blend simple words and book marks with high frequency words to learn. In phonics, they will continue to learn new letters and sounds and will be continuing the skills needed to sound out and blend letters to read and write simple words and sentences.

Children will continue to develop their writing skills and will be supported when using the sounds they know in their writing. As part of the Christmas topic, they will write Christmas lists and letters to Father Christmas.

Maths Development

In Maths, children will be continuing their work on number recognition/ counting and activities will be linked to the topic celebrations and seasons. This half-term they will be learning how to add and subtract with a range of practical equipment.

As part of the Christmas topic, children will be comparing the weight of different presents and will start to use balance scales to compare items. They will also be using Christmas presents to look at 3D shape. Children will be sorting autumn and winter objects and will explore pattern with

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half-term, children will be developing their self-confidence by taking part in the Christmas show. They will also be learning about how to stay safe on Bonfire Night.

<p>Our PSHE topic is <i>Getting On and Falling Out</i> and as part of this the children will talk about friendships/relationships and will learn how to resolve conflicts. When reading the <i>Owl Babies</i> story, they will learn about different feelings. Children will continue to work with their key worker during circle time and diary time.</p>	<p>different objects (such as autumn leaves, twigs and conkers).</p>
<p>Physical Development Children will be developing a range of large and fine motor skills this half-term. They will continue with daily handwriting sessions to develop their letter formation and writing skills. They will continue to use a range of tools and equipment and will develop the skills needed to use and handle them independently and safely. Children will have PE sessions twice a week. One session will be taken by the Salford Sports Development Team and another session will be a dance session where children will move imaginatively to music.</p>	<p>Understanding of the world Children will learn about the autumn and winter seasons this half-term and the changes that take place in these seasons. Children will go on an autumn walk where they will talk about the signs of autumn and collect a range of autumnal objects. They will compare the autumn and winter seasons and talk about similarities and differences between them. They will talk about different types of celebrations in different cultures and will learn about how Christmas is celebrated. They will use the computer and smart board to support their learning around phonics and maths.</p>
<p>Communication and Language Children will continue to develop their attention and listening skills during small group and whole class carpet sessions. They will develop speaking skills through weekly diary time and circle time activities and will extend their vocabulary when learning about the different seasons and celebrations. They will begin a programme designed to increase their vocabulary and understanding of questions.</p>	<p>Expressive Arts and Design Creative activities will be linked to the topic. As part of Bonfire night, children will make bonfire collages and firework 2D and 3D creations! As part of the autumn aspect of the topic, children will collect and make things with the objects they have collected on their autumn walk. During December, children will make Christmas cards and decorations. They will learn songs and rhymes linked to the different celebrations and seasons. As part of our Christmas show, they will learn new songs and play a range of instruments.</p>

As with all topics, we also take into account the children's interests and will plan activities around things they show a real interest in. We always like to know what your child likes to do, so please feel free to let us know!