Nursery Autumn 2

Our topic this half term is…

Let's Celebrate!

Welcome back after the break, we hope you all had a nice rest. Our topic for this half term is 'Let's Celebrate!', where we will be finding out about different celebrations such as Remembrance Day and Christmas. We will continue to acknowledge other festivals throughout this academic year.

Key Learning Understanding

Through stories, songs, creative activities and role play, the children will develop their understanding of celebrations. We will learn about different celebrations, special occasions, and how people celebrate with their families and communities.



How can you help?

Talk to your child about different family celebrations and traditions.

Discuss:

What do we celebrate?
Why do we celebrate?
How do we celebrate?
Who celebrates?

Feel free to send your child with some photos of any celebrations. Please let the nursery staff know so that we share it in class and return it on the same day.



Key Vocabulary

Nouns	Verbs
Celebrations	Celebrate
Party	Sing
Birthday	Dance
Festivals	Share
Balloon	Give
Cake	Get
Candle	Decorate
Present	Make
Decorations	Enjoy
Music	



If you have any questions about this topic or on how to support your child further, please speak to a member of the nursery team.



Literacy

We have started our phonics journey using the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised programme. The children are beginning to develop their listening skills and learning to recognise and distinguish between different sounds.

https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/

Through fun, engaging activities, we will build the foundation for early reading and writing.

Physical Development

The children will have access to the outdoors to develop strong gross motor skills and will have fine motor activities in our Continuous Provision which will all help to develop the muscle strength and dexterity to work towards a good pencil grip and balance and coordination.

Our aim is to get the children going to Year R, to use a tripod grip when using a pencil and use scissors to snip a piece of paper safely.



How Can You Help with Reading at Home?

1.Share a picture book with your child every day.
2 Talk about the pictures and name familiar objects.
3.Sing nursery rhymes.
4. Encourage your child to join in with repeated words and sounds.
5.Ask simple questions, such as "What can you see?"
6.Encourage your child to turn the pages.



Maths in Nursery

In nursery, we develop early mathematical skills through play, everyday routines and practical activities. The children will explore numbers, counting, shapes, patterns, size and position in fun and meaningful way.
This half term we will:

- Sing number rhymes.
- Recite numbers to 10.
- Count everyday objects to 5.
- Match object that are the same size, colour and shape.
- Compare objects using everyday words such as big, small, little, more, less.

Cold weather- Please ensure your chid brings suitable outdoor clothing for the cold weather, including a named hat and gloves. NO scarfs!

Also, please can your child come to school wearing Velcro shoes.







DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Stay and Play Sessions:
Thursday 10 December 2026



Key dates for the school year 2027
Applications close: January 15, 2027