

# Foundation Stage 2 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Half Term 2 - 2019

Our theme for Autumn Term 2 is:

## Families and Festival Delights

Our main focuses are:

- To understand that all families are different
- To learn about what a family tree is
- To learn about different religions and their festivals
- To understand that everyone is different but special
- To discuss our different cultures and how our families celebrate
- To learn about how the world around us changes through different seasons.

Our theme will last for: 9 weeks

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (P.S.E.D)

In this topic we will be:

Taking part in sharing games and developing our skills in taking turns.

Circle times, talking about our different families and why they are special.

Discussing different festivals and why people celebrate them.

Using teamwork during D&T week.

Behaviour and Safety:

During this topic, we will be celebrating Bonfire Night by having our own bonfire at school. Within this activity we will learn about fire safety and children will have the opportunity to toast a marshmallow on the fire. If you have any questions or concerns about this please speak to your child's class teacher.

We will also be continuing to discuss our Golden Rules and keeping to class routines.

Physical Development:

We will continue to develop our fine motor skills with playdough activities. We will be chopping vegetables, carving pumpkins and using scissors. We will be threading beads and making decorations for the classroom.

Outside we will have a new trim trail to develop our confidence in climbing and balancing.

Literacy

Within Literacy and during free flow we will be focussing on:

Continuing to practise name writing - it would be fantastic if you could encourage your children to write their name independently, why not try writing it in glitter?

Beginning to sound out CVC words with the sounds that we have learnt.

Beginning to form cursive letters.

We will use the sounds we are learning in phonics to:

- Write character descriptions of Frozen characters
- Write a letter to Santa
- Write facts about different festivals

We will also be reading and sequencing topic related stories such as:

- The Christmas Nativity story
- Frozen



Mathematics

Within Mathematics and during free flow we will be:

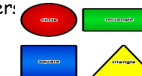
Adding with sparklers, fireworks and Christmas baubles.

Going on number hunts around our outdoor area.

Matching numerals to different quantities of conkers and baubles.

Helping numbers to escape out of Elsa's ice.

Making repeated patterns with autumnal objects such as conker: leaves.



Making faces on pumpkins with different shapes.

Creating Rangoli patterns using different shapes.

Measuring the length of poppies and measuring them by height.

Measuring different capacities using numbered bottles and jars.



Understanding the world (Science/Geography/History)

In our amazing topic lessons we will be:

Learning about different seasons and observing how our environment changes depending on the season.

Learning about hibernation and different animals in Autumn.

Learning about different religions and how people celebrate different festivals. We will be learning facts about different festivals and celebrations.

Creating family trees and knowing that families are different and special.

Freezing and melting - discussing how water changes.

Discussing similarities and differences in different environments and places that people live.

Learning about different weathers.

Learning about the Arctic - we will find out who lives there and how different animals adapt to the cold environment.



Expressive Art and Design

For this topic we will be looking at many types of art and design using lots of different skills and techniques.

We will be:

- Making pictures with leaves and leaf rubbings
- Designing Diva lamps
- Creating chalk firework pictures
- Making poppy art
- Creating family portraits and family trees
- Making snow globes and winter scenes
- Creating Christmas cards and decorations



As well as many other exciting creative activities!

Children will also be taking part and performing in the Christmas Nativity!

Communication and language

The role play and the small world area will be used to encourage children to use new vocabulary, their imagination and team work skills. Children will also have opportunities to retell the story of Diwali and Christmas.

Shared home learning:

Learning at home is just as important as learning at school— please help your child with writing their name and learning their numbers 1-10.

Children will begin to bring reading books home - please read with your child at home on a daily basis and record this in their reading journal. Reading at home is one of the most important ways that you can support your child's progress in school. Thank you so much for your support in this.

Children will also bring tricky words home to learn.