



Reception: 2025-2026
Autumn 2 – Let's Celebrate

Literacy

Texts

Space related, Seasonal and Celebration texts such as Roaring Rockets, Man on the Moon, Snowball and Norman the Slug Who Saved Christmas.

- Children are encouraged to hold a book and to turn pages correctly.
- To understand that books have a beginning, middle and an end and have text (author) and illustrations (illustrator).

Phonics

- To recognise taught phase 2 graphemes and say the correct phoneme, to hear and say initial sounds in words, to read and write taught phase 2 tricky words and to begin to orally segment CVC words independently and attempt to translate this on paper.

Writing

- Labelling, captions, pictures, Christmas list, party lists, letters/lists to Father Christmas.
- To understand that we write from left to right and top to bottom.

Physical Development

- Dough Disco and Finger Gym activities with increasing control.
- Develop muscle tone to put pencil pressure on paper and show preference for dominant hand.
- To maintain good health and self-care.
- To become aware of how to transport and store equipment safely.
- PE lessons with a coach

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- To become increasingly aware of celebrating our Golden Rules, classroom rules and routines.
- To develop self-confidence and self-awareness – managing one's own feelings.
- To continue to develop good relationships with peers and familiar adults.
- To be able to speak to familiar adults about needs, wants, interests & opinions.

Communication and Language

- To continue to develop confidence by talking in groups with an adult.
- To continue to participate in small group sessions, developing listening and verbal skills.
- To look at family celebration photos and noticing the changes from the photo to present time.
- To celebrate changes in Autumn and Winter within our environment, developing language and expanding vocabulary related to the topic.

Understanding the World

- To learn about celebrations – Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Hannukah and Christmas.
- To learn about Advent, the meaning of Christmas and how we celebrate it in our homes.
- To learn about space.
- To look at our environment and the effects of seasonal changes (Autumn-Winter)
- To understand differences in celebrations past, present and future.
- To begin to understand what re-cycling is and how to help our environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

- To explore what happens when we mix colours.
- To experiment to create different textures/junk-modelling.
- To explore festival music to celebrate events this term and join in with Nativity songs.
- To make/paint poppies for remembrance, create firework artwork and design Christmas cards and gifts.
- Post office/North pole (Christmas) role play.

Maths

- Linking the number symbol with its cardinal number value.
- Understanding 'one more/one less than'.

We will cover 3 units:

1. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
2. Circles and Triangles
3. Alive in 5