



Dear Parents/Carers,

This is a document to help you understand what your child will be learning this term. Our NEW topic is called 'Conkers and Candlelight' where we will be focusing all of our learning around Autumn and seasonal celebrations, including Bonfire Night, Diwali, Christmas and Hanukkah. We hope you find this useful, please speak to your class teacher(s) if you have any questions!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Jigsaw – Celebrating difference
Talking about things we are good at
Praising others
What makes us individual?
Families and homes

Literacy

Story of Rama and Sita – speech bubbles
The Gingerbread Man – Character masks
The Snowman - sequencing
Hanukkah Lights Everywhere
Writing letters to Santa
Making and writing Christmas cards to our families

Communication and Language

Listening to stories with increasing recall
Acting out stories / hot seating
Following recipes to make gingerbread
Makaton signs
Review learning

Maths

Using number to 5 in simple calculations
2D shapes decorating gingerbread men
Weighing ingredients
More and less language
Repeating patterns
Subitising and representing numbers to 5

Physical Development

Building bonfires and creating a Guy
Santa's workshop – 'making toys' and wrapping presents
Cutting and sticking skills
Dough disco – improving pencil grip
PE – independently putting on shoes and socks

Understanding the World

Bonfire Safety
Diwali – festival of lights & special places
Talking about different Christmas & Hanukkah family traditions – special stories
Using computers to design firework pictures

Expressive Arts and Design

Making firework paintings
Designing rockets
Making gingerbread
Making paperchains and Christmas decorations
Christmas hats
Clay diva lamps
Winter performance songs

Phonics

Singing songs and learning actions – recapping
Introducing new sounds:
o, g, c, k, ck, e, u, r, h, b, f, l, ll, ff, ss
Tricky words: I, go, no, to, the, he, she, we
Building up CVC words using sounds we know