

Nov 25 What's happening in Reception this half term..

Topic focus - Let's Celebrate!

This half term we will be exploring different celebrations and special times that happen in our community and around the world.

The children will:

Learn about Bonfire Night, Diwali, Remembrance Day, Hanukkah and Christmas

Talk about how we celebrate birthdays and other special occasions

Explore changes in the weather as winter approaches

Learn about nocturnal animals and how some creatures hibernate in winter

Begin to understand past, present and future through timelines and calendars

Drawing Club focus - Over the half term we'll share and retell exciting stories to build vocabulary, imagination and mark-making.

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Listen to and retell stories using new vocabulary and story language

Explore tales and animations linked to this term's celebrations

Draw story characters and scenes using new descriptive words such as **triple**, **soggy**, **cunning**, and **unique**

Maths focus

We follow White Rose Maths to develop early number, shape and measure skills.

This term we will:

Explore numbers 1-5, learning how to represent, compare and compose them

Use the language of "one more" and "one less"

Investigate shapes (circles, triangles, squares, rectangles) and their properties

Develop positional language through play and outdoor challenges

Build early reasoning skills with number games and practical investigations

How YOU can support your child's learning and interests...

- ✓ Talk about family celebrations and traditions - share photos and memories
- ✓ Enjoy books together - discuss how characters celebrate or feel in stories
- ✓ Practise counting and recognising numbers 1-5 around the house
- ✓ Go on a shape hunt at home or outdoors - spot circles, triangles, and rectangles
- ✓ Encourage your child to draw and write their name independently
- ✓ Discuss the days of the week and months of the year - use a calendar to count down to birthdays or Christmas
- ✓ Explore the changing season: notice frosty mornings, shorter days and signs of winter wildlife

Look out for a message from your child's class teacher on Dojo about the **Reception Nativity!!**

As always if you want to share any special events from home you can email us - early.years@ghps.paymat.org