

Festivals and Celebrations
Autumn Term 2
2022
Reception



Focus Texts

Week 1: Fireworks and Bonfire Night / 'Sparks in the Sky'
Week 2 & 3: Diwali / 'Dipal's Diwali'
Week 4: Birthdays / 'Kipper's Birthday' by Mike Inkpen
Week 5: Hannukah / 'Hannukah Bear' by Eric Kimmel
Week 6: Winter & Seasons / 'Stickman' by Julia Donaldson
Week 7 & 8: Christmas / The Nativity Story

Prime Area Development

(Personal, Social, Emotional, Physical Development/Communication & Language)

We will be learning to:

Share individual experiences of celebrations at home
 Learning new, theme-based vocabulary
 Re-tell stories

Learning about how to be kind to yourself and your friends
 Explore fireworks through movement
 Make rangoli patterns
 Dough disco
 Develop independence in dressing in winter clothes, e.g. zips

Literacy

Phonics: Read, Write, Inc. Set 1 sounds
 Letter formation

Opportunities for mark making in provision
 Learning to write our names
 New vocabulary, firework descriptions
 Looking at non-fiction texts about celebrations
 Writing celebration cards
 'Stickman' story map

Mathematics

Matching and sorting
 Comparing amounts, size, mass, capacity
 Exploring pattern
 Representing/comparing/composition of 1, 2, 3
 Circles and triangles/ shapes with 4 sides
 Positional language
 Representing numbers to 5 / Time

Understanding the World

Going to Forest School
 Understanding that people have different beliefs and celebrate in different ways: Bonfire night, Diwali, Birthdays, Hannukah, Christmas
 Exploring light
 Seasonal change, winter focus

Expressive Arts & Design

Making sparklers out of chocolate fingers
 Splatter paint firework pictures
 Role play: campfire, Christmas role play
 Making and decorating Diva lamps out of clay
 Creating rangoli and Mehndi patterns
 Making our own 'Stickman'
 Christmas decorations and Nativity performance!

