

**Sparkle,
Shimmer &
Shine!**
Autumn Term 2
2023
Reception



Focus Texts

Week 1: Fireworks and Bonfire Night / 'Zim, Zam, Zoom' Poetry by James Carter

Week 2: Diwali / The Story of Rama and Sita

Week 3: Birthdays / 'Kipper's Birthday' by Mike Inkpen

Week 4: Seasons/Autumn / Autumnal Poetry

Week 5: Light and Dark / 'Can't You Sleep Little Bear?' by Martin Waddell

Week 6: Hannukah / 'Hannukah Bear' by Eric Kimmel

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

Practising writing our names

New vocabulary, firework descriptions

Looking at non-fiction texts about celebrations

Making and writing in celebration cards

Mathematics

Focus on counting skills

Comparison of sets

Explore the concept of 'whole' and 'part'

Focus on the composition of 3, 4 and 5

Match numerals to quantities within 10

Verbal counting beyond 20

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, autumn/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

Christmas decorations and Nativity performance!