

-During this half term our enquiry is:

Light and Dark/ Diwali/ Christmas

Throughout the Autumn term, staff in Nursery will be working closely with each child to ensure that they settle well into Nursery life. This half term is all about making sure that children are able to access the provision in Nursery, enable children to develop positive relationships with staff and children and also make sure that children are happy within the Nursery setting.

Subject	Activities / areas to be covered in school
<p>Global Goal: Identity and diversity Moral Principle: What makes me unique? How are we all different?</p>	
<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development.</p>	<p>Throughout this half term, nursery staff will continue to encourage and build the children's independence in accessing the areas of learning and resources in nursery. Staff will be encouraging the children to form good relationships with the other children, helping the children to learn how to share and to take turns. We will be reading the story, 'Pink is for Boys.' This picture book rethinks and reframes the stereotypical blue/pink gender binary and empowers the children to express themselves in every colour of the rainbow. Featuring a diverse group of relatable characters, <i>Pink Is for Boys</i> invites and encourages girls and boys to enjoy what they love to do! This story has a powerful message: life is not color-coded!</p>
<p>Physical Development</p>	<p>As we continue with our phase 1 phonics activities the children will be moving in response to music, or rhythms played on instruments such as drums or shakers. Throughout this half term, we will continue to access our outdoor space, where children will have the opportunity to refine their skills using the climbing wall, hula-hoops, scooters and bikes. Through both our outdoor and indoor areas, the children will have opportunities to take part in activities to work on their fine motor skills, building hand strength and coordination.</p>
<p>Communication, Language and Literacy</p>	<p>Throughout the Autumn term, we will continue to work on developing listening and attention skills. The children will continue to take part in carpet time and be expected to follow some basic rules. They will be introduced to stories that support our topics and we will encourage them to make comments and judgments about the various texts. Over the next 7 weeks, we will be reading a range of stories and poems to enhance our learning experiences such as, Remember, Remember, The story of Rama and Sita and The Christmas Story. During our phonics sessions, we will continue to work on phase one of Letters and Sounds which will act as a firm foundation to your child being able to begin to read and write in the future. Mark making equipment is always available for the children to access. We like to provide a wide range of resources such as pens, pencils, chalk, paint and craft materials. We will be encouraging them to give meaning to and talk about the marks they have made. Children will be encouraged to use more complex sentences when sharing ideas, thoughts and feelings when speaking in one to one and small groups. We will learn new words rapidly for example, 'shiny' and 'dull' and use them when communicating!</p>
<p>Mathematics</p>	<p>This half term, we will continue to work on: Recognising numbers in the environment and how they can be represented in various ways and subitising.</p>



	<p>To count the number of children in nursery. Number formation using the formation rhymes and counting the number of objects in a set. We will sing lots of number songs including, '1, 2, 3, 4,5' and '5 currant buns.' Some of our Christmas songs are also based on number.</p>
Understanding The World	<p>We are excited to get going on our new topic 'Light and Dark.' We will investigate what the dark is like using the blackout tent and enjoy taking a range of equipment such as glow sticks, torches, flashing toys etc. in there too. We will look at and investigate the differences between night and day and how this relates to the natural world such as animals. We will also learn about some of the jobs that people do during the night. We will explore various Festivals of light including, Bonfire night, the Hindu festival of Diwali and Christmas.</p>
Expressive Arts and Design	<p>The children will have access to multiple creative resources to enable them to explore our exciting new topics. They will have the opportunity to create firework paintings, make Diva lamps as part of our investigation into the Sikh festival of Diwali and of course create Christmas crafts and keepsakes to bring home.</p>
How can you help at home?	<p>At home it would be wonderful if you could continue to encourage your child to take their shoes, socks and coat on and off independently. This will support your child during outdoor play, especially now the weather is wetter and colder. In order to provide speaking and listening opportunities, we would like to introduce some time for children to share something they have done at home. You can use the Tapestry app to share a photo with us. Your child can then tell us about their photo. In addition, if they have any objects linked to their learning that they would like to bring in to talk about that would be great also</p> <p>Busy Bear! This half term we will be introducing our bear, Busy! Busy is going to go home with a different child and his very own journey book.</p> <p>Care and Share Books This half term the children are going to start bringing home a 'Care and Share book.' These are story books that can be read at home by parent! They would make a great bedtime story. They will be changed every Monday. When reading with your child at home please support them by: Ensuring they handle books with care, Allowing them to hold the book and turn the pages themselves, Encourage them to join in with any repeated words or phrases, Discuss the illustrations, Ask their opinion on characters and stories, Ask them what they think might happen next.</p>