



# Fir Newsletter

'We can and will succeed'

Staff in Class: Teacher: Mrs Shepherd. Nursery Nurse: Mrs Wharton/Mrs Harwood.

**Message from the staff:** A very warm welcome back to the Autumn Term. This is an exciting half term as it is the run up to Christmas and we can't wait to begin the festivities! We will continue to use Seesaw to document children's learning in Fir. You will be able to see your child's learning at school, add your own observations and complete home learning activities. Please come and speak to a member of staff if you have any questions, concerns or comments!

## Class Topic: Let's Celebrate

We will be exploring different festivals this half term. We will look at festivals such as Diwali and Christmas and how this is celebrated throughout different countries. We will also look at Bonfire Night and the importance of staying safe during these festivals and as it gets darker leading up to Christmas.



### Seasons

Learning about the seasons will continue throughout the year. We will be learning about seasonal changes and key features of Autumn. The children can discover natural autumn resources in our investigation area.

## Knowledge and Understanding of the World:

Birthdays - how have we changed since we were a baby?



Exploring light and dark. How can we see in the dark?

Christmas - looking at photographs of different countries around the world where Santa delivers presents to.



## Maths: Comparing amounts, size, mass and capacity. Using simple patterns.

The children will learn how to compare amounts and notice differences between sets using mathematical language such as more than, less than or the same.

Children will explore copying and creating their own patterns.

We always sing Number Songs every week and have a weekly song which we know well.

## English:

The children will enjoy listening to and joining in with our stories this term.

**Our books are:** Funnybones, Diwali stories, Leaf Man, Peace at Last, Whatever Next and a special collection of Christmas stories.

### Phonics:

We will be following Phase 1 phonics by playing lots of listening games to listen to different sounds and improve our focus.

## Physical Development:

- ◆ Be increasingly independent as they put on and do up their coats.
- ◆ Gross motor skills - outdoor play for skipping, balancing and jumping. Use large muscle movement to wave flags and streamers.
- ◆ Children to start showing a preference for a dominant hand and use one handed tools and equipment.



## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Celebrating Differences - pieces 1 to 6.

We will be focusing on the following topics:

What I am good at?, I'm special, I'm me!, families, houses and homes, making friends and standing up for yourself.

## Creative Development:

- ◆ Linking colours to festivals.
- ◆ Firework pictures and models
- ◆ Making Divas.
- ◆ Listening to music and making their own dances in response.
- ◆ Christmas decorations and cards.



**How parents can help at home:** Please help your children to recognise and begin writing their name.

Read books daily with your child and encourage them to retell the stories.

Practise counting objects at home and reciting numerals to 10 and beyond.

## Days/Dates to remember:

- Monday 16th December 14:00 - 15:00 EYFS Christmas performance for parents.
- School closes for the Christmas holidays on Friday 20th December. School reopens on Monday 6th January 2025





