Autumn 2 – Jellyfish and Starfish Classes

Our new topic is all about Festivals and Celebrations

Here is an overview of what your children will be learning each week in our topic, the letter sounds we will be teaching and the maths topic we will be learning about.

Festival	Topic Activities	Phonics	Maths topic
Week 1 Bonfire Night Diwali School Value: Gratitude	Investigating why we celebrate Bonfire Night and who was Guy Fawkes? Discovering new ways to make firework pictures: splatter painting and using chalks. Learning about Diwali – the festival of light	Level Two Phonics /r/ /h/ /b/ /f/	number
Week 2 Remembrance, Anti-bullying Week School Value: Respect	Investigating colour mixing. Why do we wear poppies? Experimenting and making our own poppies. Joining in with a 1 minute silence at 11am on the 11th November.	Level Two Phonics /l/ /ff/ /ll/ /ss/	2D shape
Week 3 Percy the Park Keeper: Experiments School Value: Empathy	Listening to lots of stories about Percy and his adventures by Nick Butterworth. Thinking about story language. Experimenting to find out which materials will keep Percy dry in the rain.	Level Two Phonics Revision Level 2 sounds	2D shape
Week 4 Percy the Park Keeper: Autumn	Investigating our current season: Autumn using our various senses.	Level Three Phonics /j/ /v/ /w/ /x/	number

School Value: Acceptance	Thinking about what plants will need to grow successfully		
Week 5 The Nutcracker School Value: Teamwork	Exploring this traditional tale and retelling the story. Making our own characters from the story using different mediums and investigating clothes from around the world	Level Three Phonics /y/ /z/ /zz/ /qu/	number
Week 6 Christmas School Value: Celebration of Values GREAT – gratitude, respect, empathy, acceptance, teamwork	The Nativity Story and beginning to retell it to our friends. Learning various songs to retell the Nativity and to celebrate Christmas. Investigating lots of different Christmas crafts. What does Christmas mean to us? What would we like for Christmas? What activities might we do to celebrate with our families?	Level Three Phonics /ch/ /sh/ /th/ /th/	sorting shapes
Week 7 Christmas School Value: Celebration of Values GREAT – gratitude, respect, empathy, acceptance, teamwork	Learning about reindeer and where they live. Children's choices: What would they like to find out about? What are their choices for our play provision? Continuing to investigate Christmas crafts.	Level Three Phonics Fun and games with all the sounds so far	number

Most importantly, we will have fun while we are learning 😊

Our weekly emails will keep you update with the activities that we have done in school. We respond to the children's interests and needs, so the focus of our learning may change and the pace of our phonic sessions may change.

Special events this half term:

Grandparent's Visit – Friday 13th November 1.30pm or Monday 16th 9.15am
Christmas Craft Day – Friday 27th November am or pm session
Nativity Play – Wednesday 9th December: 2.30pm or Thursday 10th 9.30am
We will keep you informed of our special events with letters on Parent Mail