

## Prime areas

**Ladybirds Class – 2024/2025**

### Festivals and Celebrations

#### Big question:

**What and why do we celebrate?**

## Specific areas

### Literacy

- *Bookbuds – The Gingerbread Man, Brown bear, brown bear, Whatever next!*
- *Phase 3 phonics*
- *Give meaning to the marks I make*
- *Hearing and writing initial sounds*
- *Orally segment for writing*
- *Read and simple cvc words*

### Understanding the World

- *Celebrations; Bonfire night, Diwali, Remembrance, Christmas, Advent*
- *Develop positive attitudes about the differences between people*
- *International Day*
- *RE – Why is Christmas special for Christians?*

### Expressive Arts and Design

- *Music – Celebration music*
- *Practising and performing our Christmas play – ‘Hey Ewe’*
- *Cooking and nutrition: Soup*
- *Listen to music and make their own dances in response*
- *Home corner role play (birthdays)*

### Mathematics

- *Find, subitise and represent 1,2, 3, 4 and 5*
- *1 more and 1 less*
- *Composition of 1-5*
- *Circles and Triangles*
- *Shapes with 4 sides*

## Characteristics of Effective Learning

### Creating and thinking critically

- Having their own ideas*
- Making links*
- Choosing ways to do things*

### Active learning

- Being involved and concentrating*
- Keep on trying*
- Enjoy achieving what they set out to do*

### Playing and exploring

- Finding out and exploring*
- Playing with what they know*
- Being willing to have a go*

### Key vocabulary

Family, Celebrate, Marry, Party, Birth, Birthday, Christmas, Advent, Hanukkah, Diwali, Remembrance Day, Bonfire Night, Fireworks, Tradition, Enjoy, Happy, Together, Anniversary, Balloons, Decorations, Cards, Gathering, Wedding, Dancing, Food, Drinks

### Ideas to support your child's learning at home.

- During the next couple of months there are lots of festivals that people celebrate. Talk to your family about how they celebrate different festivals such as; Birthdays, Christmas, Bonfire Night, Diwali, Hannukah.
- Make healthy pizzas using pitta bread or tortilla wraps. Add tomato paste, cheese and some of your favourite vegetables. Some ideas are peppers, mushrooms, aubergine and sweetcorn.
- Lots of festivals celebrate with fireworks. Watch some fireworks together and talk about what you like dislike, what colours and shapes you saw and the sounds you heard. Paint or draw a firework picture. You could use crayons, pens, paint or even glitter and glue.

### Personal Social and Emotional Development

- *PSHE – Celebrating Difference.*
- *Turn taking games.*
- *Building relationships with our peers*
- *Developing self-confidence through circle times, PSHE and RE/Worldviews*
- *Visible learning – Introduce Building Learning power*

### Physical Development

- *Gross and Fine motor skills – Write Dance*
- *PE – Gymnastics and Fundamental movements*
- *Explore different ways of travelling and moving.*
- *Use a range of small and large equipment.*
- *Practising correct pencil grip.*

### Communication and Language

- *Imagining and recreating roles in the home corner.*
- *Ask questions to get to know my friends.*
- *Joins in with repeated phrases in rhymes and stories.*
- *Develop and use new vocabulary – Oracy*
- *Listening and responding to stories*
- *Following instructions*
- *Understanding how to listen carefully and why listening is important*