

Communication & Language:

Talking about celebrations and listening to how others celebrate

Listening to and answering questions about stories

Learning new words linked to our topic

Circle time speaking and listening opportunities linked to birthdays and Christmas.

Literacy:

Phonics – making & matching sounds, matching and identifying initial sounds in words, rhyming games, blending sounds

Recognising and tracing own name

Mark making for different purposes

Understanding the World:

Talking about how people around the world celebrate

Parent in to talk about the festival of Diwali

Making salt dough cupcakes looking at changes in materials

Vicar in or online to talk about the Christmas Story

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

We use a scheme called Jigsaw with a different focus each week.

What am I good at?

I'm special I'm me!

Families

Making friends

Standing up for yourself

Expressive Arts & Design:

Making clay Diva's

Making party hats

Christmas cards/decorations

Using instruments to make music to celebrate to

Role Play Party

Maths:

Positional language

Singing number rhymes – five little fireworks

Rangoli Patterns

Counting candles on cupcakes

Matching cakes to numbers

Finding total of objects in a set

Physical Development:

Fine Motor – tweezers, threading, using pincer grip, mark making, dough

Gross Motor – PE with apparatus (climbing/jumping), dance with scarves & ribbons, party games



During this topic we will focus on celebrating the Hindu festival of Diwali, the Christian celebration of Christmas and Birthdays.

We will also talk about Bonfire Night and link this to fireworks used during celebrations.

Our key texts will be: Lighting a Lamp, Kipper's Birthday, Mog's Birthday & The Jolly Postman