

Happy Birthday Swallow

RATIONALE:

In preparation for the Christmas period, when Christians remember and celebrate Jesus birth, the children will first share their own experiences of birthdays and how they are celebrated. They will work as a team to plan and organise a surprise party for Swallow in their classroom. After reflecting on their own experiences they will then relate these to the birth of Jesus and the Christmas story. This project will include a birthday party in school for Swallow on December 1st 2016, the whole school re-telling of the Christmas story to our families in the church on December 14th, a visit from the vicar and a Year R re-telling of Jesus' birthday in the hall on December 16th 2016.

<p><u>Communication, and Language and Literacy</u> Talk about their experiences of birthdays and listen to others Bring a photo from home of a birthday Write an invitation to give to another person in the class Write a Birthday card for Swallow Write their names to go on birthday chart. Writing a list for father Christmas Stories: Kippers Birthday, The Surprise Party, Happy Birthday Winnie, The Blue Balloon, Lettice - the birthday party,</p>	<p><u>Mathematics</u> Counting, sharing, ordering and problem solving activities involving candles, cakes, plates, hats, cards, table settings. Wrapping and weighing parcels and naming shapes</p>	<p><u>Understanding of the World</u> Recognising and sequencing months of the year and relating these to their birthdays. Experiences of birthdays. Retelling the Christmas Story with words, pictures and props. Visit by Vicar.</p>
<p><u>Expressive Art and Design</u> Retelling of the Christmas story and birthdays through role play. Printing techniques for Christmas trees, cards, party hats. Learn new songs for Christmas performance. Use a range of instruments to accompany songs</p>	<p><u>Personal, social and emotional development</u> Performing our Christmas story in the church Collaborative projects e.g in Discovery, art, making party food. P4C - How would you feel if your birthday was forgotten? (Kippers Birthday) Find out about how birthdays and Christmas are celebrated across the world.</p>	<p><u>Physical Development</u> Large Apparatus Write Dance Real PE Games with hoops and balls Musical statues/chairs/bumps</p>
<p><u>Learning Characteristics:</u> Creativity; Octavia the Octopus I have my own ideas and can give my opinion RE Big Question: What is Christmas?</p>	<p><u>Forest Values:</u> Responsibility It is up to me to do the right thing.</p>	<p><u>Home Learning:</u> Bringing in a photo of their own birthday celebration. Decorating a cup cake for Swallows birthday party.</p>



Home Learning

Dear Parents

We are just starting our 2nd project all about birthdays. During this week (November 14th-November 18^h) please could your child bring in a photograph of a birthday celebration they have had. We would like to use these photographs in school to discuss in group time and also to make a display on the wall. They will be returned to you at the end of the project. If it is easier please email a photograph to swallows@oaksfed.co.uk with Birthday in the subject and we can print them out at school or send in a photo and we can photocopy it. If you have any left over plates, cups, banners, candles etc we would love them to use in our birthday role play. Just pop them into school. Unfortunately we will not be able to return these.

Dates for your diary: Our whole school Christmas production will take place in the Church on Wednesday 14th December during the afternoon . There will be tea and coffee available before hand in the church. No costumes are needed – we have them all here. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. We would also like to invite you to our re-telling of the Christmas story in the school hall on Friday 16th December at 9.30am. This should last no longer than 45 minutes.

We will be sending home a cup cake on Tuesday 29th November or Wednesday 29th to be decorated by your child and returned to school for our birthday party on Thursday 1st December; just an early warning to get some icing sugar and sprinkles in the cupboard. The children are free to decorate their cake as they wish; they will be eating their own during Swallows party on December 1st.

Here's to another half term of fun! Remember to check Tapestry, our class blog and twitter to keep up with all our news.