

# Year R Curriculum Newsletter

## Fantastic Festivals

### Understanding the World

Next half term we are excited to be learning all about the festivals of **Diwali** and **Christmas**.

Friendship Week – 4<sup>th</sup>  
November 2024

### Weather

As the weather gets colder please ensure children come to school in a warm coat. Please ensure any hats, scarves and gloves are named.

### Communication and Language

During our story times the children will be learning to join in with repeated phrases as well as learning a wealth of new vocabulary throughout the day.

We are going to be learning to ask questions and participate more in class discussions.

### Physical, Social and Emotional Development

Children will start to form positive attachments to the wider key adults in school (lunch supervisor, office) and a small group of friends. They will continue to share play objects with a group of friends and take turns cooperatively. We will also be learning more about our Learning and Christian Values which are celebrated in Celebration Worship every week and helping the children to understand their emotions and say how they may be feeling.

### Reading

In our reading sessions the children will be using the pictures to help them answer questions and follow the print from left to right. In phonics, children will continue to practise recognising the Phase 2 graphemes to segment and blend CVC words and read a few tricky words.

### Writing

In writing, children will be learning to mark make recognisable letters of their name and begin to write their name legibly and independently. They will continue to develop a pincer grip and write some other letters that have been taught.

### Maths

In maths the children will be focusing on developing their counting skills and the 'five-ness of 5' using one hand and the dice pattern for 5. They will compare sets - by matching and use the language of comparison: *more than*, *fewer than*, *an equal number*. They will explore the concept of 'whole' and 'part' and all the different ways to make 3, 4 and 5. Children will match numerals to quantities within 10 and verbally count beyond 20.

### Physical Development

In our PE lessons we are learning to jump with two feet together and climb equipment safely. As we start to mark make more, the children will be practising their pincer grip and developing their core muscles to help them with writing. Children will also continue to dress and undress themselves for PE.

### Past and Present

This half term the children are going to be learning all about people who help us in their own families and the wider community.

If you know anyone who could come in to talk to the children please let a member of the Year R Team know.

### Expressive Arts and Design

The children are going to be learning to mix primary colours to make secondary ones. As well as exploring different ways to join materials for example using a treasury tag.

