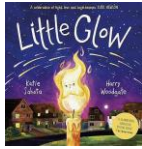


Class 1 Learning Snapshot

Autumn 2 - 2025

Let's Celebrate...



I wonder.... Why do we remember? Why do we celebrate? What happens at a celebration?

Through our 'fab 5' stories, Little Glow, The Best Diwali Ever, Joy to the World, and The Christmas Story, we will be exploring religious and cultural festivals from around the world, helping the children develop a sense of diversity and an appreciation for different faiths.

Bonfire Night: Using non-fiction texts, we'll find out about Guy Fawkes and why we remember the 5th of November.

Diwali: We'll be engaging in Diwali traditions, including learning to know the story of Rama and Sita, to understand the significance of the Festival of Lights.

Remembrance Day: We will talk about the meaning behind poppies and reflect on why we remember those who served.

Christmas: Through sharing and performing the Christmas Story, the children will begin to understand the importance of the Nativity story to Christians and how Christmas is celebrated around the world.



We will also start our half termly 'Talk for Writing' project with the story of *The Gingerbread Man*! Through role play, small world setups, and story maps, the children will practice retelling this classic tale, strengthening their storytelling and sequencing skills. Once we're familiar with the story, we'll get creative by innovating the ending. I wonder... what new ideas will the children come up with for the Gingerbread Man's escape? Will he cross a bridge, climb a mountain, or maybe even use a boat to outsmart the fox?

Mathematics

Our nursery children will be exploring building with shapes and objects before developing their understanding of 1, 2 and 3.

Our reception children will learn how to identify, represent, count, subitise and compare the numbers 0-5. They will also explore capacity and the properties of 2D shapes (circles, triangles, squares and rectangles).

Parents as Partners

Here are a few suggestions on how you can support your child's learning further.

Reading

Reading at home is vital. Children receive awards for their engagement with reading at home. Please make sure you comment or sign your child's reading diary weekly.

Useful Websites/Apps

www.topmarks.co.uk for a range of learning games



Download the White Rose Maths '1 minute maths' App to develop your child's subitising skills, the ability to recognise a quantity without counting.

Reception Home Learning

Please share your child's school reading book and complete the star book challenges to earn prizes!

Look out for a weekly math's challenge on your child's ClassDojo profile, post your child's learning from home to earn extra dojo points!

Class Information

- This half term our PE lesson will take place on a **Friday** morning for all children in school, **please send your child dressed in their PE kit** (including nursery children who attend on a Friday morning).
- Please pack a change of uniform in your child's rucksack. This can be left at school in case of any accidents.
- Please make sure you send your child with a waterproof coat & water bottle every day.
- Children are welcome to bring a fruit snack to school in their backpack for the day. Please label if it is stored in a container. Fruit and milk will also be available for children to access at snack time.



ClassDojo

Please ensure you are connected to Class Dojo and keep up to date with school updates. If you have any issues, please contact a member of staff.

Polite reminder that staff are only expected to respond to messages between 8am-5.30pm on working days.

Subject

Key Knowledge theme

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

What makes a good friend?
Keeping healthy- brushing teeth

Physical Development

Multi-skills

Music

Explore pulse, pitch and rhythm through songs and games, using voices and classroom instruments.

Celebration Songs

Expressive Arts & Design

Artists: Yayoi Kusama & Jackson Pollock
Splatter paintings, dotted designs & clay diva pots
Nativity Performance

Understanding the World

Celebrations around the world

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Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?
What special things do Christians do at Christmas to show God's love?