Trafalgar Infant School

Curriculum Information – Autumn Term 2 Topic: Celebrations



English

Key texts:
Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper
Little Glow by Katie Sahota
We will continue to explore friendship, sharing and the themes of Harvest through the story of Pumpkin Soup.
We will explore the diverse ways that we celebrate as a community through the story of 'Little Glow'.
Phonics: Continuing with Little Wandle to learn the next set of phonemes, graphemes and tricky words. Practising blending to read. We will be starting our Reading Groups and bringing home Reading Books each week.
Handwriting: We will practise forming the letters correctly and segmenting words to spell them using the sounds we know.

Mathematics



-We will develop our understanding of prepositional language when solving puzzles, for example: *"This piece goes at the bottom"*. With the support of adult modelling, we will **manipulate puzzle pieces spatially** by turning, flipping and matching. We will also be encouraged to **visualise** how pieces might fit together.

-We will continue to practise counting, ensuring the concept of 1:1 correspondence is secure

-We will continue to develop our understanding of cardinality – that the last number tells us 'how many things altogether'

-We will verbally count to larger numbers and beyond tricky 'teen' numbers

-We will explore composition: the concept of 'whole' and 'parts'

Expressive arts and design

We will be exploring paint and mixed media to paint our world. We explore colours to contrast light and dark.
We will be creating seasonal arts and craft.

We will continue to listen to and create music and will be learning songs to celebrate the Christmas season.

Understanding the world:

We will explore the importance of celebration in different communities and cultures.
We will be learning that some places are important to different members of our communities and will be including places of worship in our learning.
We will be continuing to explore the world around us using our wild woods and gardening areas and will be watching for signs that autumn is ending and winter is beginning.

Prime areas of learning



Communication and Language:

-Practising listening carefully with our talk partners
-Learning and building our vocabulary through our 'Celebrations' topic
- Retelling stories we have heard
- Developing our language in our role play
-Learning and practising our lines for the Nativity

Personal, social and emotional:

Our Jigsaw Topic this half term is 'Celebrating Difference'. Our key texts will help us explore this as well our focussed Circle Time sessions. We will be exploring what we are good at, and how we are all different.
We will continue to practise getting changed for PE and being ready to go outside in the colder weather by putting on and doing up our coats independently.

Physical development:

We will be continuing with our 'Introduction to PE' unit, covering fundamental skills including finding space and moving around safely.

Our key vocabulary: celebrate, light, dark, share, friendship, together, respect, community, difference, unique

You can support your child at home by:

- Practising their phonic sounds regularly
- Ensuring they read their Little Wandle reading book with you every day to build fluency
- Using tools such at scissors as well as pens and pencils to develop their fine motor and writing skills
- Exploring and talking about the changes they notice as we move towards winter
- Practise counting and using number during every day activities