

Let's Celebrate!

Starfish Class
Curriculum Information
for Autumn 2 2023



Our current topic is 'Let's Celebrate!' We will be celebrating what makes each one of us unique and we will take about the celebrations that are special for our families, e.g birthdays, Christmas, Diwali, Eid, etc. Please talk to your child about your own childhood and how your family celebrated different events.

We would love to hear how your family celebrate special occasions so that we can learn more about each child's family, culture and heritage. We will explore how people celebrate different events around the world and how they used to celebrate in the past.

Tasting special foods from around the world will help us to learn more about different traditions. I wonder what foods are special to your celebrations in your family? We will make and taste some Christmas foods and make Christmas decorations that the children will bring home before the Christmas holidays.



Phonics

This term we are focusing on learning each of the 26 letters of the English alphabet (capital letters and lower case) to read and write simple CVC words, eg. cat, dog, pin.

Reading

We will help your child to apply their phonic knowledge to sound out and blend words to read and we will help them to recognise sight words that we do not sound out, e.g. I, no, go, to, the, he, she, we, be, etc.

We will read stories to the class your child will be encouraged to talk about and answer questions about the story.

Please listen to your child read every day. This will really help them to practise their skills and develop confidence.

If your child has an iPad/ tablet, using Reading Eggs is a great way to support their learning. So is watching Alphablocks:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>

Writing

We will focus on using the correct letter formation for upper case and lower case letters. Your child will learn to write their own name and they will start to sound out words to label pictures. We will also use letter cubes to make simple words, e.g pig, cat, box.

Understanding the world

We will learn about different people's experiences of special occasions to help us to understand that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.

We will talk about the changing seasons and weather. This will help us to understand why we wear certain clothing and footwear.

Forest School and outdoor learning

Your child will need to have wellies and a waterproof coat at school as we do play outside and go to Forest School in all weather conditions.

Maths

We will focus on recognising the numerals 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 and we will explore the composition of numbers, e.g 5 blocks can be made using 3 red blocks and 2 yellow blocks. We will explore repeating patterns and how to arrange shapes to make pictures and build things.

The Nativity

We are very excited to be putting on a nativity performance for you to enjoy in December. You will need tickets to be admitted to our show. Your child will have a role in the play and we will learn songs and dances to perform too. They will need a costume so please check your child's bookbag or ask the teacher what character they are playing.

PSHE

We will be learning about our feelings using 'The Colour Monster' book and characters.

