

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will be thinking about ways in which people behave and learning that actions can sometimes harm others by discussing Guy Fawkes' plans, The Gunpowder Plot, and the actions of the monster Ravana in the story of Rama and Sita. The children will be learning how to behave in new situations such as visiting the Festival of Trees and going to Warwick Arts Centre to see a theatre production of Raymond Briggs' story, Father Christmas.

Literacy

The children will be talking about characters and events in topic related stories. Staff will support children to recall and retell stories that they have heard by playing with puppets and story props or using small world figures. There will be opportunities for mark making such as drawing or painting story characters and children will be encouraged to use marks to write things such as birthday and Christmas wish lists or letters to Father Christmas. The children will be taught to handle books carefully.

Maths

The children will be learning number rhymes such as Five Little Monkeys and Five Little Ducks. They will be choosing 2D shapes to create pictures of firework rockets and to make Rangoli patterns. Staff will support children to develop their early mathematical vocabulary by helping them to talk about the shapes that they use. The children will be encouraged to match number symbols to small groups of objects such as stars, Christmas trees and angels.

Physical Development

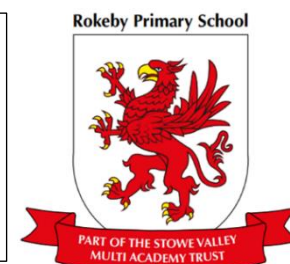
The children will be learning to handle a range of tools and materials through creative activities and cooking sessions such as making coconut Barfi, firework biscuits, cheesy Christmas stars and mini yule logs. Kits Academy will teach a PE lesson every Tuesday. This half term's P.E may include multi-skills sessions or Cosmic Yoga activities.

Communication and Language

The children will be listening to and discussing stories such as Hovis the Hedgehog: Bonfire Night, Lighting A Lamp, Spot's Birthday Party and The First Christmas. They will be learning to follow instructions as part of cooking activities. They will be helped to extend their vocabulary by naming and describing some of the customs associated with different celebrations.

F1 Curriculum Overview- Autumn 2

Theme: Celebrations



Understanding the World

The children will be finding out about the different ways in which people celebrate festivals. There will be opportunities for the Nursery children to create Mendhi and Rangoli patterns, clay divas, monkey masks and coconut sweets linked to the festival of Diwali. The children will be able to create cards, Christingles, biscuits, table and tree decorations linked to the festival of Christmas.

The children will be listening to stories at the root of celebrations such as the story of Rama and Sita: The First Diwali and the story of the Birth of Jesus: The First Christmas.

They will also be finding out why Bonfire Night is celebrated and celebrating the British tradition of nursery rhymes by taking part in a wide range of play and craft activities for World Nursery Rhyme Week.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be making music and taking part in Indian dancing as part of activities linked to Diwali. In the construction area, there will be opportunities to build boats to take Prince Rama over to the island to rescue his Princess Sita. The children will be able to choose resources to make prince and princess crowns.

Linked to Bonfire Night, the children will be able to select materials to make a Guy Fawkes and they will be using a range of drawing and painting media to make firework effect pictures.

As part of imaginative play, the children will be able to take the role of the elves in Santa's Workshop, sorting lists, making, wrapping and packing toys. The children will explore changes in texture as they make Christmas biscuits and cakes.