

<p><u>Stories we will be exploring include:</u></p> <p>Storm (Sam Usher) Mogs Birthday Bonfire night Little Robin Red Vest Jesus' Christmas Party How Does Santa Go Down the Chimney? The Gingerbread Man</p>	<p>Acorns Class</p>  <p>Autumn 2 Let's Celebrate</p> <p>Let's explore celebrations around the world!</p> <hr/> <p>Physical Development</p> <p>Gross Motor Skills: In our "imove Off to the Zoo" unit, children will explore movement by mimicking animals they might see on a zoo visit. This activity emphasizes the importance of movement and spatial awareness, encouraging children to use a variety of movements while respecting their personal space bubble. Skills like locomotion, agility, footwork patterns, and spatial awareness will be developed as children navigate different "animal" movements.</p> <p>Fine Motor Skills: Opportunities for fine motor skill development will be present throughout our classroom. Activities will include: Placing buttons on the gingerbread man and using peg boards.</p>	<p><u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</u></p> <p>Respecting Differences: Children will learn about valuing differences through discussions and activities that explore diverse celebrations. They will engage in activities like playing traditional games from other cultures to build understanding and friendships.</p> <p>HeartSmart: This term's HeartSmart topic, "Don't forget to let Love in!", will help children understand the importance of kindness, empathy, and self-love. Through activities and discussions, they will learn about caring for themselves and others, helping them to build positive relationships and a strong sense of self-worth.</p> <p>Safe and Healthy Me Week: Acorns class will join the school taking part in Safe and Healthy Me Week. We will have visitors from important organisations in the community such as the police, the fire service and Harold the Giraffe and the Life Education Wessex team.</p>
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Communication and Language

Expressing Experiences:

Children will share personal experiences of celebrations, using new vocabulary related to festivities and developing explanations. Visual aids and artefacts will help stimulate conversations about different ways people celebrate.

Songs and Rhymes:

We will listen to songs, rhymes, and traditional music from various celebrations, helping children appreciate and respond to the rhythms of different cultures. Children will also create simple songs using festive vocabulary.

Mathematics

Shape, Space and Measure

As mathematicians, we will begin to explore 2D shapes. We will identify and name circles and triangles, looking for them in the environment around us and describing their properties. We will also look at shapes with four sides, compare them and find them in our school and local area. The children will combine 2D shapes to make shape pictures and models. We will begin to explore positions such as behind, in front and underneath. We will also explore time by comparing activities we do during the day and night.

Number

As mathematicians, we will find, subitise and represent the numbers four and five. We will do this using real life objects such as counters and with pictorial representations. We will begin to explore one more and one less with numbers one to five. The children will learn that numbers are made up of smaller numbers - we will introduce them to the composition of numbers 1 - 5.

Understanding the World

Past and Present lives

As a class, we will explore different celebrations around the world including Bonfire Night, and Christmas.

During our Art lessons we will learn about Artists of the past such as Vincent Van Gogh and Wassily Kandinsky. We will read about their lives and compare them to our own.

As Historians, we will also learn about Remembrance day and work together to create a class handprint wreath.

Our community

During Safe and Healthy Me Week we will be meeting different people from our community and learning about their important roles in our society.

Expressive Arts and Design

As artists we will explore the work of Vincent van Gogh. We will link his 'Starry Night' to our exploration of day and night in Maths. We will create our own Starry Night masterpieces. Furthermore, we will explore the art work of Wassily Kandinsky to reinforce our learning about circles and triangles. As artists and makers, we will create Christmas crafts for our Christmas Fayre. We will co-operate with other children in the school to practice and perform a Christmas show for our community.