



Year R Curriculum Overview – Term 2

Theme Title: Why Are The Lights Shining?



Launch Pad: Firework Dance

Communication and Language	The children will be developing their listening and attention skills, in order to respond correctly to instructions which involve several ideas or actions and to be able to answer 'how' and 'why' questions. They will be practising speaking in full sentences that make sense and using a range of language in role play.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Children will develop self-confidence and be confident to try new activities and to speak to others about their own interests. We will also be developing the pupils' skills to become independent and to use their knowledge of the new routines that they have learnt.
Physical Development	In our outdoor area, we will be learning how to travel and balance safely, showing an awareness of space. The pupils will also develop ball skills, throwing and catching a ball. They will be given opportunities to develop their scissor and pencil skills. 'Write Dance' sessions develop large-scale movement, leading to fine motor co-ordination through movement, dance and drawing in response to music.
Mathematics	Pupils will learn to count, recognise, order and compare numbers beyond 10. They will also learn about the properties of 2d shapes. The children will begin to use the vocabulary of 'more' and 'less' to compare amounts. We will be learning to use positional language as well as exploring length and symmetry.
Literacy	The pupils will experience reading through a variety of fiction, poetry and rhymes. They will experiment with writing in a range of situations. We will continue to teach pupils to recognise, identify, write and link sounds to letters.
Understanding the World	We will be learning about special events such as Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday, Diwali and Christmas. We will be learning about life in India and discussing the similarities and differences between different cultures and ways of life.
RE	Pupils will learn about a range of celebrations including Diwali, Sukkot, birthdays and Christmas.
Expressive Arts & Design	Pupils will learn a range of simple songs and poems to perform. The children will explore making pictures on the laptops and will use a range of resources such as clay and tissue paper to make models.
Our Outdoor Classroom	The outdoor classroom has been designed to provide a learning environment that supports all the above areas of learning. As we learn outside most days, please make sure that your child comes to school with appropriate outdoor clothes – a named sun hat if it is hot, warm, waterproof coat if it is cold or wet. We do have waterproof suits for learning time and a supply of Wellington boots at school that children can borrow.
Homework	Daily sharing of reading books. Diaries are sent home each weekend for the children to share with their family and for parents/carers and children to add their own news to. The children then share their special times and events with their classmates, thus helping them to appreciate different ways of life.

Books you could read	Places you could visit together	Other activities
The Jolly Christmas Postman Books about the seasons Stick Man	A library A war memorial The Arch in Folkestone	Try some Indian food Take a bus ride Scissor activities Undressing and dressing, especially buttons and zips