

Theme: Space, Celebrations and Festivals

This half term we will be learning and finding out about Halloween, Bonfire night, Remembrance Day, Diwali and Christmas. We will be particularly looking at how these festivals may be celebrated at home. We will also be finding out all about space!

Words to learn this half term:

Colour, sparkle, spooky, skeleton, glitter, bang, crackle, sizzle, celebrate, celebrations, family, fire fighter, soldier, sailor, pilot, battle, war, Christmas, Diwali, Mehndi, solar system, orbit, planet, moon, crater, stars, Mars, Earth, Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune Venus, Uranus.

We will be using all of our senses to explore some exciting activities such as: cooking, music & modelling.

Stories

During the half term many of the activities and learning experiences offered will be focussed around some of the following stories:

Meg and Mog
Kipper's Birthday
How to Catch a Star
Whatever Next
The Jolly Christmas Postman
Non-fiction texts about Christmas, Remembrance Day, and Diwali

Maths

This half term we will be looking at:

- Learning numbers 1- 5
- Recognise numbers 1 -5
- Subitise numbers 1- 5
- Represent numbers 1- 5
- Finding 1 more and 1 less
- Composition of numbers 1-5
- Begin to identify 2d shapes – circles and triangles
- Identify and name shapes with 4 sides

Songs and Rhymes

Children love to sing and dance. Please help your child to learn this rhyme:

10 little men in a flying saucer
looked around the world one day
They looked left and right,
but they didn't like the sight
so one man flew a way.

9 little men in a flying saucer...and so on until you have 0.

You can use the language one less when singing this song and explain to your child what one less means.



Please remember to:

- Bring your book bag every day.
- Reading books will be changed **Thursday each** week. Your child will receive a Rhino reading book which is linked to their phonics learning and they will choose a library book. This book is for you to share with your child to promote reading for pleasure.
- Please aim to read with your child at least 3 times a week.
- Please send in a pair of wellies that can stay in school so that your child can access the outdoor area in all weathers.
- Learning and playing in EYFS can be fun and messy. Please feel free to send in spare clothes for you child to change into if needed. Please ensure these are in school colours.
- Write your child's name inside all of their uniform, including coats, wellies and PE kits.
- Bring a warm coat, hat and scarf to school, as the weather gets colder.
- Phonics home learning will be given out daily and will need to be returned the following day. On Friday pupils will also receive a piece of maths work.
- PE is on a **Friday**. Please send your child into school that day wearing black shorts/ leggings/ jogging bottoms, a white t shirt, school sweatshirt and trainers. **Earrings must be removed.**
- Have a look at our school website for the school holiday list and other useful information:
www.cheetwood.manchester.sch.uk