

# Autumn 2 - Festivals and Celebrations

## PSED

- Taking turns playing board games
- Activities linked to our community project
- Listening to stories that explore emotions (Ruby's Worry, The Colour Monster)
- Zones of Regulation Station - identifying emotions from photos and discussing our own feelings
- Applying Growth Mindset strategies to our learning and supporting children to develop emotional resilience

## Communication and Language

- Retelling the story of the Gingerbread Man.
- Father Christmas Role Play
- Retell festival stories e.g. Diwali with puppets and small-world toys
- Discussing firework safety
- Look at different fireworks using the interactive whiteboard and talk about what they see, hear
- Listening and responding to the Bible story of the birth of Jesus

## Expressive Arts and Design

- Experimenting with mixing colours
- Learning colour names and discussing light/dark shades
- Make firework music to accompany dances
- Bubble painting
- Making poppy badges
- Creating musical patterns
- Making paper plate collages for special meals
- Singing Christmas songs and carols
- Making celebration cards
- Creating firework pictures on black paper with pastels

## Physical Development

- Make gingerbread men with playdough.
- Finger gym activities to support fine motor skills
- Traditional Hindi dancing
- Junk modeling e.g. menorahs for Hanukah, rockets for bonfire, poppies
- Discuss how to look after our teeth and make healthy food choices.
- Practise holding a pen with an effective tripod grip and forming letters from the top down.

## Key Texts: The Gingerbread Man Stick Man The Gruffalo

## Literacy

- Make puppets of characters from key texts
- Writing character speech bubbles.
- Making storymaps of key texts
- Coming up with alternative endings to key texts
- Write instructions to make gingerbread men
- Writing Diwali & Christmas cards
- Daily Phonics
- Use phonics to write firework sounds e.g pop, bang, hiss, fizz, whizz, whoosh
- Visit to Lewisham Library

## Mathematics

- Making and comparing representations of 1, 2 & 3.
- Counting actions and objects.
- Playing number track games e.g. snakes and ladders
- Calculating one more and one less than a given number.
- Exploring number bonds
- Exploring 2D shapes and arranging them into pictures
- Using positional language - going on treasure hunts outside
- Counting on and back finding different ways of representing numbers
- Birthday cakes - counting candles and discussing age
- Using everyday words to describe the passage of time
- Drawing our daily routines using time phrases (yesterday, in the morning, at night etc.)

## Understanding the World

- Find out about the customs of Diwali and Christmas (Espresso and cbeebies Celebrations series)
- Colouring Rangoli patterns and making mehndi hands
- The significance of Remembrance Sunday
- EYFS Nativity play.
- Keeping safe during Fireworks Night
- Visit from Father Steve
- Looking at maps, including of local area, identifying local landmarks.