

Sutton Park Primary Curriculum Map Reception Autumn 2 2025

Let's celebrate!



Rationale -We have chosen this topic as it focuses on exploring celebrations from various cultures around the world such as bonfire night, Remembrance Day, Diwali and Christmas.

PE will be on Mondays. Please make sure all items of clothes are clearly named, even shoes and socks. We will also have a Forest School session on Monday afternoons. Your child will need a named pair of name wellies please.

Physical Development

Every day we will improve our gross motor skills with big arm movements during our wake and shake sessions. During our PE sessions we will develop our balance skills and move in different ways and focus on how our bodies feel during and after exercise. We will also explore some Indian style dancing to celebrate Diwali.

Understanding of the World

The children will be learning about Diwali and how it is celebrated around the world. We will be encouraging the children to talk about celebrations at home and share them with the rest of the class. This could be a birthday or maybe a wedding. We will also learn about Remembrance and the Gun Powder plot and its relevance to our country.

Maths

Counting the number of sides that simple shapes have will become one of our main explorations in maths this half term shape hunts will give us lots to discuss and what are the names of each shape? Also, we will investigate the composition of numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. How many different ways are there to make the number 5?

Literacy

In Literacy we will be exploring stories linked to different celebrations around the world. We will be talking about these stories, sequencing the events and writing about them. We will continue to develop our letter sounds knowledge. We will be 'Fred-talking' our words to think carefully about the different sounds (e.g. cat = 'c-a-t') to then begin writing them in the order that we hear them. Look out for videos and games to support via Seesaw.

How do we celebrate?

Communication and Language

The children will be developing their listening skills by listening to stories from many cultures. We will be retelling different celebration stories such as Rama and Sita and the Nativity story by using pictures to order and then talk about.

We will also continue to develop our Oracy skills during circle time discussions.



Expressive Arts and Design

A variety of creative activities will be enjoyed including firework pictures, making Rangoli patterns as well as creating Christmas cards. We will also be exploring music and dance from other countries music and dance to celebrate.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The importance of staying safe on bonfire night will be discussed, for example holding sparklers safely and standing back at a distance from fire.

Children will explore how different cultures celebrate and discuss how this is similar or different to our own cultures.