

## Communication and Language

This half term, we will continue circle times and story times. Our floor book sessions will be a chance to ask questions and learn new vocabulary. We will also continue talking to our peers during talk partner time, sharing our news and experiences. Our whole class reading sessions will aid with developing our reading fluency and comprehension skills.

We will continue to develop the children's language through our daily conversations with the children in discovery time.

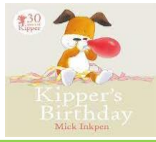
## Literacy

Our English sessions will be based around the core texts:

- Sparks in the Sky, Kipper's Birthday and 10 Little Elves.

We will focus on language linked to the stories and will practise retelling these in order. We will also be writing firework poems and instructions of how to make sandwiches. As Christmas approaches, we will be writing Christmas lists and cards.

Through daily phonics lessons, the children will continue to learn new letter sounds and harder to read and spell words. We will also continue practising segmenting and blending words to read.



## Physical development

Our weekly PE sessions will focus on dance. As part of these sessions, we will explore space, travelling in different ways, balancing and responding to the music that we hear and perform dances, giving feedback to others.

We will also carry out lots of different activities in class that will help to strengthen and develop our fine and gross motor skills. We will continue our weekly Dough Disco sessions which we love!

## Personal, Social and Emotional development

During this half term, we will be discussing what we are good at and things that we are proud of.

We will consider what makes a good friend and think about the perspective of others.

We will also continue to explore our feelings and those of others.

I wonder...  
what sparkles in  
the sky



## Expressive Arts and Design

The children will practise creating lines and shapes to represent fireworks and create a firework collage.

We will also carry out leaf printing using the colours of Autumn. We will create a picture of an Autumn tree using different materials.

As part of our Christmas celebrations, we will make Christmas cards.

**Concepts: colour, shape, line**



## Maths

In maths, we will be exploring, securing and deepening our understanding of numbers to 5, looking at representing and comparing amounts as well as the compositions of each number. We will continue to use language to compare, count and reason with number, talking about maths and what we notice.

## Understanding the world

During our floor book sessions, the children will learn about different events and celebrations including Diwali and Christmas, how these are celebrated and linking our own experiences of celebrations.

This half term, we will learn about Bonfire Night and the season of Autumn. We will explore clothing and weather associated with this season.

We will also be thinking about how to stay safe online.

**Concepts: Time, change and chronology**

**Learning mindset:  
Respect**

**Things to do at home:** practise counting to 10 (coins, stairs etc), identifying which amount is more/less, finding one more or less, writing numbers to 5, name writing, practising their harder to read and spell words, sharing stories (lots of talking about what is happening), dressing and undressing themselves!