In **Writing** we will be focussing on writing CVC words independently. We will start to use the tricky words I,Go and To in our writing.

In **phonics** we will continue learning a letter sound daily and move on to some diagraphs such as the Th and Sh sound. We will start reading and writing captions.

In **Reading**, we will be reading non-fiction book about festivals and celebrations.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Education**, we will be focussing on settling into our new Reception classroom. We will be continuing to work on following shared rules.

We will be talking about how our own family and friends celebrate.

In **Physical Development** we will be practising cutting and threading skills. We will be learning to control 1 handed tools and scissors. We will continue talking about healthy eating and the importance of exercise. In **Maths**, our key skills focus will be on counting out amounts from a larger group. We will be adding 2 numbers together and finding the total. We will also be separating large groups of objects into smaller groups and count totals.

We will continue our use of shapes to make our own patterns.

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In **Expressive Arts and Design** we will be exploring model making with junk and construction materials. We will be combining materials and seeing what effect different materials have.

We will be roleplaying jobs and occupations.

In **Jewish Studies** we will be focussing on the upcoming festival of Hanukkah.

We will be talking about resilience and perseverance.

In **Understanding and Knowledge** of the world, we will talk about the different ways people celebrate. We will be learning why celebrations are important and why people have festivals.

In **Communication and Language** we will be focusing on using "how" "why" and "because" to ask questions and give opinions.

We will also practise using new vocabulary we have learnt from our topic work on celebrations.