



## Curriculum Newsletter- for Early Years Autumn 2 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second autumn term in Reception. I would like to share our Curriculum overview with you and some key dates for this half term.

PE day will continue to be on [Wednesdays](#). Please ensure your child has their full PE kit with them, navy or black shorts or jogging bottoms, white t-shirt and black indoor plimsoles. Please label all PE kit.

[Homework](#) for Reception goes out on [Thursday](#) and pupils will be expected to return their homework to school on the following [Tuesday](#). Please ensure all homework is complete and back at school in time. Nursery children may borrow a book from our class library. Please return this when you would like it to be changed.

Our Topic for this half term is '[Celebrations](#).'

Please take a look at our Curriculum Map for this half term:

In Literacy, we will continue to practice reading and writing letter sounds and begin to use these to read and write words and captions. We will be looking at the story of Chanukah and retelling it through drama and pictures.

In Mathematics, we will be learning to recognise and describe 2d shapes and using them to make pictures and patterns. We will continue to develop our counting skills and our number recognition and play games allowing us to find one more and one less. We will be using positional language and using this to follow directions. In non-verbal reasoning, we will be finding the odd one out in a group and exploring rotation and reflection of shapes.

During circle time sessions, we will be talking about our feelings and the feelings of characters from stories. We will be talking about how we celebrate Chanukah and comparing it to the different celebrations we have at home.

We will be learning new words to retell stories and act out scenes from stories using stick puppets and props. We will be learning new words to describe fireworks and start to include adjectives in our sentences.

## Our Topic this half term is 'Celebrations'

We will be using different mediums to create work related to festivals of light. We will be learning how to combine different materials to create collages. We will continue to explore different styles of drawing and painting for our Rosh Chodesh self-portraits.

In 'Understanding the World', we will be looking at festivals such as Bonfire Night, birthdays, Chanukah and New year and talking about why they are celebrated and comparing how they are celebrated.

In PE, we will continue to develop our ability to dress and undress independently. We will be learning some Israeli dances in addition to learning how to roll, aim, throw and catch balls and beanbags. We will be learning to balance in different ways.

In Jewish studies, we will be learning about Mitzvot and thinking about which mitzvot we can perform ourselves. We will also be learning about the festival of Chanukah and learning songs and dances for our Chanukah show. In Ivrit we will learn vocabulary connected to food.

In Music, we will be exploring different instruments and using them to add sound effects to familiar stories. We will be learning songs for Chanukah and adding movements to the music.