



This term we are learning about 'Festivals of Light'.

The children will learn about a range of different festivals of light that people celebrate such as Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas. Along with this, they will learn about the differences between light and dark through investigations. The children will experiment with different materials to see which show light, and which do not. They will also be learning about animals that come out at night and those that come out in the day.

In the Creative area, the children will be using different techniques to create artwork. They will create some firework pictures using a variety of resources. They will use a salad spinner to mix paint on to a piece of paper, they will use oil pastels to create fireworks on paper and they will use dish brushes to create fireworks too. The children will also be making lanterns and they will think about how best to join their lantern together.

In the Construction area, the children will be building their own bear caves, grottos and rockets. They will be encouraged to follow the four construction stages, which are to think, plan, make and share. When constructing different models, the children will also be encouraged to talk about and describe what they have made.

In Maths, the Bees and Butterflies will be learning to add and take away. They will also be practising finding one more and one less than a number. The children will also be comparing different lengths, height, and explaining which are taller and shorter. Reception will learn about money this half term too and what the different coins look like.

In Literacy, the children will be learning to retell stories using actions. Some of the stories we will be looking at are 'The Little Red Hen', 'Whatever Next', 'Aliens love underpants' and the Christmas story. The Bees and Butterflies will begin to learn to write words and short sentences using their phonetical knowledge too. They will write about the stories that they have heard.

All work children do will be added to their learning journals so parents are welcome to take a look and we welcome any contributions you may have for your child's learning journal too. Shared reading will continue as normal on Friday afternoons at 2.45pm. It would be great to see you there!

