



Year 1/2 Autumn 2 2017-2018 Celebration Detectives

English

Key texts: *Guy Fawkes*, *The story of Rama and Sita*, *Sammy Spider's first Hanukkah* and *The Jolly Christmas Postman*

We will be creating fact files about the gunpowder plot, creating comic strips of the story behind the celebration of Diwali, writing instructions to make Latkes for Hanukkah and creating labels and lists for a toy shop as well as writing a very persuasive letter to Father Christmas.

History/Geography/Art/Design

Our Art and Design will be based around our key texts so we will be creating firework paintings using a range of techniques, Diwali lanterns out of paper and Rangoli patterns out of different materials. We will be making a menorah sculpture and designing Christmas cards using flaps and slider mechanisms. Cooking will also form part of our Design unit this term.

In history we will explore the gunpowder plot and the connection to Northamptonshire.

Maths

Our maths unit is Addition and Subtraction.

We will be:

- Finding all addition facts to 20
- Adding and subtracting 1 digit
- Adding and subtracting 1 digit from/to 2 digit
- Adding and subtracting 10's
- Crossing 10 and 100
- Comparing number sentences
- Checking using the inverse
- Use addition and subtraction skills to solve problems

Science

We will be comparing, sorting, observing and testing as part of our scientific enquiry skills.

We will also be asking and answering lots of questions such as: Which material is best for bridge building? What material should Father Christmas make his jacket from? It needs to be warm and waterproof.

PE

PE days are on Tuesday and Wednesday. The children are focusing on dance and team work.

ICT

We will be learning all about how to write instructions, give directions and programme using Beebots.

PSHE and RE

Our Jigsaw theme this term is Celebrating Differences. In RE we will be finding out about lots of different celebrations that occur around this time of year.

How you can help your child at home...

Reading: Listen to your child read every day. Read and share stories with your child. Remember to write in their reading diary.

Writing: practise your spellings or words each week. Look at lots of different types of writing such as letters, invitations, postcards and lists.

Maths: practise your number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 as well as using Mymaths - our online maths homework resource.