



## Reception

### Our Community

#### Big Bang

On the 5<sup>th</sup> November the children can come into school ready for a birthday party! We will have a fun day of party games, activities and stories related to celebrating and will invite the children to share how they celebrate events with their own families and in their own community.

## Trip/ Visit

The Children will be going to visit Greenhithe library as the first of many visits to our local library this year. We are also looking to invite families in to share their role in the community. Please ask your class teacher to arrange a date and time to come and speak with the class.

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### Literacy

In Literacy, we will be using Talk4Writing to learn stories and rhymes, supported by actions and a story map. We will continue to learn phase 2 phonics through Little Wandle Letters and Sounds as we begin to read words by recognising graphemes and blending. The children will begin to write simple captions, drawing upon their increasing phonic knowledge.

### Mathematics

In maths, we will continue developing our understanding of numbers within 10. This will include knowing one more and one less. We will begin to look at shape, naming shapes and describing their properties. Children will also have the opportunity to sort shapes, using their increasing knowledge of what the shapes are like.

### Understanding the World

As part of our topic this term, we will learn about a variety of celebrations and festivals and why these are special among our community and others. We will learn how different families around the world celebrate festivals that are special to them and will encourage children to talk about special times they share with their families. We will also be talking about people who help us within our communities (like nurses, bus drivers and so on).

### Expressive Art and Design

We will be designing birthday cards, creating firework pictures and Christmas decorations. We will design and make things that are used as part of celebrations (like Diya lamps for Diwali and rockets for Firework's Night). We will also be learning a variety of songs and dances to perform. We will be taking on roles and introducing them into play.

### Physical Development

We will be continuing to develop our fine and gross motor skills through a range of activities such as dough disco and dance. We will also be taking part in a range of physical activities in PE using movement and turn taking games to develop coordination and balance. Children will develop their Physical Development skills through visiting our Forest School site, where children need to begin by getting themselves changed for the session.

## Core Books

