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Prayer, Saints and Feasts and Advent. The children will explore stories about Jesus and learn about Mary, his mother. We will learn about key Saints and how they are shining examples to us. We will find out that we wait and get ready for Jesus by praying, and that Advent is a special time for this.

The children will be introduced to the Islam faith, and know that there are people called Muslims who believe in Islam just as Christians believe in Christianity.

PSHE

Say No! Through this topic the Year 1 and 2 children will explore the themes of staying healthy. We will talk about medicines and how to be safe around them.

You can help by: Talking about who can give your child medicine and explain why they have to be kept in a secure place.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be using the computers to design firework paintings. We will create designs for cards and wrapping paper and learn how to make prints.

You can help by: looking at wrapping paper and designs – spot where patterns have been repeated or rotated.

PE/Physical Development

The children will be joining in with dances based on the movements and words associated with fireworks. They will continue to develop their awareness of space and control over their bodies.

You can help by: encouraging them to take part in physical activities.

Communication and Language

We will begin this topic using the theme of fireworks. We will be thinking about new words and vocabulary to describe the sounds and colours. The children will then create poems based around these. We will go on to use topic related books to find out information about different celebrations.

You can help by: continuing to support your child by regularly reading at home and help them to learn their weekly spellings

Numbers, shape, space and measure

Reception will; be counting and recognising numbers initially to 10; counting objects reliably; matching 1:1 consistently and learning to find one more/less.

Year 1 will; begin to understand the operation of addition and subtraction and to use the appropriate signs and symbols; learn mental strategies to solve problems and practise the rapid recall of number facts and begin to work with numbers up to 100.

Year 2 –will; be learning what each digit in a two digit numbers represents, and how to partition multiples of 10 or 1. They will record number sentences
All year groups will be considering and using the language of time, size, shape, money and length.

Understanding the World/

Science

At the start of the topic we will find out what the children already know about light and dark. We will test to see whether we need light to see things in the dark. The children will find out what a light source is and think about why they show up best at night time.

You can help by: - looking for different light sources in your home and discussing the difference between something that reflects light and a gives its own light – 'light source'.

ICT

We will be using a painting program to represent fireworks. The children will learn how to use different tools and brushes to create the desired effects. They will learn to save and print their work.

You can help by: creating paintings and drawings at home.

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Let's Celebrate!

History/Geography

We will be finding out about why we have fireworks night, and looking at the use of fireworks in other celebrations, around the world. We will consider how we celebrate birthdays in this country and finding out about traditions in other places. As a school, we will be having a special focus on the Jewish celebration of Hanukah. We will use the period of Advent to prepare for Christmas, exploring ways in which we can do this and how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

You can help by: talking about any special celebrations that you have been to, or have as a family at home .

Music – Expressive Arts

The children will be exploring duration in music. They will use their voices to make long and short sounds and listen for long and short sounds in music.

Using percussion instruments, the children will have the opportunity to create long and short sounds to accompany a variety of songs linked to our 'Let's Celebrate' topic including a firework song. We will be preparing for our Christmas Nativity and the leading up to this the children will have Nativity song words to learn too!