

## RE

Our first topic is Prayers, Saints and Feasts - we will be learning to recognise love shown to us and explore opportunities to love others and to recognise the place and value of Celebrations in the family. We will learn that prayer both gives praise to God and tells us about Him. We then move on to Advent.

**You can help at home by:** talking about how you celebrate at home.

## Literacy

We will begin by reading and writing firework poems. The children will be encouraged to listen and learn how to recite poems and stories. They will learn new vocabulary and discuss the new words. We will be identifying different types of words, such as verbs, adjectives and nouns. We will use them in our writing and begin to comment on the effect they have in a sentence. The children will continue to work on punctuating sentences accurately.

**You can help at home by:** spotting verbs, adjectives and nouns in their reading books and by discussing sentences and talking about what the subject of the sentence is and finding the verb. When reading, make sure they stop at a full stop.

## Mathematics

We will be continuing to work on addition and subtraction and using what we know to solve problems. Then we will revisit place value but we will focus on using money and making sure children understand how to make amounts by thinking about the number of tens and ones. We then move on to looking at measurement and finally begin to think about multiplication and division.

**You can help at home by:** counting coins to find amounts; counting in twos, fives and tens; making amounts and paying for things at the shop; weighing out ingredients to make cakes and reinforcing pairs to 10 and 20.

## Understanding the World / Science

We will be thinking about the time of the year and looking at the changes in the seasons and weather. We will be recognising evergreen and deciduous trees.

We will think about materials and their properties.

**You can help at home by:** going on walks, collecting leaves and spotting evergreen and deciduous trees.

## Computing

We will be thinking about collecting data and using different programs to show our data. This will include bar charts and flow diagrams. We will also be thinking about e-safety.

**You can help at home by:** talking to your child about internet safety.

## PSHE

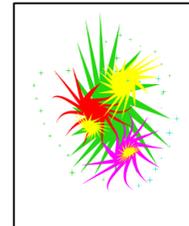
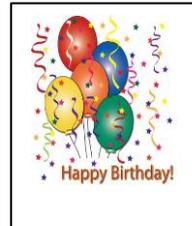
Year 1 will be thinking about how to stay healthy and look after their bodies and learning why we need medicines and how to use them safely. Year 2 will be thinking about safe and unsafe situations and learning rules for staying safe at home and school.

As a class we will also think about how we make friends and talk about how to make up when we fall out. We will develop strategies to help us to cope when we are angry and look at ways to calm ourselves down.

**You can help at home by:** talking about storing medicines and hazardous substances safely.

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# Let's Celebrate!



## PE / Physical Development

Coach Ben will continue to work on basic games playing skills in the PE sessions on Tuesday. Our Wednesday sessions will be dance based and linked with the theme of celebrations.

**You can help at home by:** ensuring PE kits are in school throughout the week.

## Expressive Arts and Design

We will be designing and making decorations and cards and a birthday cake! The children will continue to develop basic drawing, painting and colour mixing skills throughout the topic.

**You can help at home by:** making cakes at home – weigh the ingredients, mix, cook, decorate and - finally - eat!

## History / Geography

We will begin by learning about the Gunpowder Plot and Guy Fawkes. We will go on to find out about birthdays in the past and how children in other countries celebrate their birthdays.

**You can help at home by:** sharing what you used to do for your birthday and ask grandparents as well.

## Music – Expressive Arts

As well as our music lessons in class, we will be thinking a lot about our Christmas performance this half term, so we will be learning lots of new songs and practising them.

**You can help at home by:** learning the songs with them!