

Primary Curriculum Driver: UW (Understanding the World)

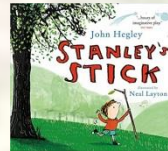
This half term we will be finding out about festivals and celebrations. These will include Diwali, Bonfire night, Remembrance and Christmas. We will find out why and how these key events are celebrated. We will end the half term answering the big question 'Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?'

The children will have the opportunity perform the Nativity story.

Reception

Autumn 2

I wonder what is happening out there?



Secondary Curriculum Driver: PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development)

We will find out about the significance of the Poppy during our work around remembrance, creating artwork to display. During Anti-bullying week, we will be promoting our Christian values and using these to help us understand what makes a good friend.

We will also keep safe during road safety week by taking a walk around the village, remembering how to cross the road safely.

Literacy:

Our daily phonics will continue with blending and segmenting using the taught sounds 'm,a,s,d,t,i,n,p,g,o,c,k,u,b.' For children who are ready, the following new sounds will be introduced: oo, ar or, air, ir, ou, oy

Our core text this half term is 'Stanley's Stick'. This will be used to enhance the following skills:

- Sequence events in the story
- drawing story maps
- retelling stories
- writing captions
- discussing the main events

Focus tricky words: I, you, no, said, my, the, you, are, be, of

Mathematical Development:

We will continue to follow the White Rose Maths scheme which will focus our learning on the composition of numbers 1,2,3. Ensuring that we have a good understanding of these numbers.

In the outdoor area we will:

- Make 2d shapes using sticks
- Measure trees using non-standard units
- Order lengths of sticks
- Make repeating patterns with sticks.

Communication and language:

We will continue to learn and use new vocabulary throughout the day. Our focus will be on descriptive language. Each day we will display our new word on our word wall! During our Friday challenge activities, the children will have the opportunity to talk to help work out problems and organise thinking.

We will also continue to sing familiar songs and poems as well as learning Christmas songs.

Physical Development:

Our PE sessions with Mr Thompson will continue with a focus on basic ball skills needed for early basketball and netball. We will continue to strengthen our finger muscles by completing finger gym challenges provided in our continuous provision.

Expressive Arts and Design:

Our focus in the painting area will be Van Gogh's 'Starry Night'. There will be opportunity to colour mix, draw swirls and stars. After learning and practising these skills, the children will create their own adaptation of the picture. Outside, we will use natural materials to create pictures, sculptures and dens.

Help at home by

- Get outdoors and talk about the world changing around you. Find a tree and notice the weekly changes
- Encourage your child to dress independently (especially coats and gloves!)
- Read a bedtime story to your child each night
- Find a calm time to read the school books or similar at least 5 times per week
- Practise the tricky words (ideas in homework book)
- Practise writing name- encouraging the correct letter formation
- Point out numbers, shapes and patterns in the world around you
- Share the weekly newsletter with your child. Use this as a prompt to find out information and the highlights of the week.

Don't forget

- A spare change of clothes, labelled, to stay in school
- Check all clothes are labelled
- Children now need hats and gloves
- PE bags to stay in school. **PE is Tuesday**
- Water bottles sent into school daily - **water only**
- Reading folders to be returned on Monday
- Sign the reading journal at least 5 x per week - please use only **one page per week!**
- Homework books will be given out every Friday
- Tapestry updates from school will be at least once per week - feel free to add your own messages and photos
- Check your parent mail account regularly
- Follow us on Twitter - @CorbridgeCE for weekly photo updates (please like and share!)