

Personal, Emotional and Social Development

Play "inside-out" - saying something nice about a chosen child.

Dress up in special clothes

Discuss "poppy day"

Circle time - discuss celebrating different festivals - food, clothes, presents, music, routines etc

Share food made for celebrations.

Introduce different customs through stories and books etc.

Role play parts of festivals e.g. getting married, giving presents out

Sharing food

Talk about favourite colours and things that are special

Communication and Language

Discuss the significance of Remembrance Sunday

Think of questions to ask visitors to share their experiences of different festivals

Retell festival stories e.g. Diwali with puppets and small world toys

Discuss firework safety

Look at different fireworks using the interactive whiteboard and talk about what they see

Talk to a friend on the phone and invite them to a party

Physical Development

Make short firework dances

Explore dynamics of travelling

Respond to music from various festivals

Make plates of dough food for special occasions

Make junk models e.g. menorahs for Hanukah, rockets for bonfire

Talk about healthy practices

Use a range of resources in junk modeling e.g. leaves, pasta

Develop our fine motor skills doing things like painting outside using large brushes, chalking round lines, digging and planting seeds and bulbs, threading beads.

Nursery and Reception Celebrations Autumn Term

Characteristics of Effective Learning

Playing and exploring

Finding out and exploring
Playing with what they know
Being willing to 'have a go.'

Active learning

Being involved and concentrating
Keeping trying
Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

Creating and thinking critically

Having their own ideas
Making links
Choosing ways to do things

Literacy

Make books in firework and Diwali shapes
Find out about festivals through books
Look at non-fiction books about festivals
Compose firework poems
Compose party invitations using ICT
Make shopping lists for ingredients
Learn to read CVC and CVCC words
Use phonics to write firework sounds
Write cards and send them to friend and families using the post office

Understanding of the World

We will take a sensory walk around our playground focusing on our natural environment - the colour of the sky, how the trees are changing etc.
Find out about how festivals are celebrated through stories and books
Talk about a festival you have celebrated at home
Make sweets for Diwali
Cook potato latkes
Bake shortbread snowmen/stars for Xmas
Plant some bulbs in the outdoor play area planters and watch them change.

Mathematics

Shape print wrapping paper for presents
Look at shapes in Temples
Design rangoli patterns
Make paper chain decorations in a pattern
Order numbers to 10
Counting place settings, spoons, menus etc
Problem solving e.g. how many plates for 4 people
Fill bags, socks, containers with sand and use language such as full/empty
Use language adding and subtraction in play
Use money in the post office
Sorting different coloured objects into sets
Act out different numbers e.g. 4 claps, 8 jumps

Expressive art and design

Explore colours throughout a variety of objects, both commercial and natural - leaves, and sequins
Learn names of the different colours
Mix colours using a palette
Talk about lighter and darker shades
Make firework music to accompany dances
Use a variety of media to create pictures
Make poppy badges
Make musical patterns
Make collages on paper plates of food for special occasions
Sing various Xmas songs and carols
Make celebration cards
Role play in the home corner.
Use clay to make diva lamps
Fireworks on black paper - splatter/chalk