

Key Vocabulary

Celebrate, fireworks, safety, bonfire, Diwali

Family, home, different, diverse, work,
community, jobs, compare

Christmas story, past, present

School Value this half term – 'Appreciation'

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

How to manage our emotions

Building self-confidence

Build constructive and respectful relationships.

Explain to others how they thought about a problem or
an emotion and how they dealt with it.

Develop an understanding of the five senses

Communication and Language

Develop vocabulary linked to topic and use new
vocabulary in context

Listen to and respond to stories

Follow 2 and 3 step instructions

Take part in discussions in small groups

Understand how to listen carefully and why
listening is important

Expressive Arts and Design

Explore different textures and materials

Use clay to create Diya lamps

Explore patterns in Rangoli art

Christmas songs/poems

Role Play bonfire night, schools, parties and
celebrations

Explore different malleable materials

Family portraits

Christmas baking

Reception Learning Overview **30th October– 15th December 2023**

Theme: **My family and where I live**

Links with Outside Learning

Small world role play

Exploring the mud kitchen

Fine motor activities - sand, water.

Problem solving - transferring materials.

Team work.

Looking for numbers and shapes in environment.



Literacy

Explore Non-Fiction books related to topic

When discussing stories, use the vocabulary of beginning
middle and end

Blending CVC words with taught sounds

Explore rhyme and alliteration

Recognise harder to read and spell words

Phonics phase 2/3

Labelling pictures and objects using initial sounds

Giving meaning to marks

Suggested texts.

Little Red Riding Hood

Non-fiction books about fireworks/ bonfire
night

Non-fiction books about firefighters

What the Ladybird Heard

The Big book of Families

The Gingerbread Man

Understanding the World

Understand the dangers of fire and how to keep
themselves safe

Experience a visit from firefighters with a fire engine

Identify family. Comment on photos of family

Make comparisons between other families.

Read fictional stories about families

Talk about members of the community and what roles
they have.

Exploring simple maps- places in our community

Christmas in the past and present

Mathematics

Representing and comparing numbers to 5

Composition of numbers to 5

Subitise numbers to 5

Circles and triangles

Positional language

One more and one less

Explore patterns

Explore night and day

Physical Development

Develop muscle tone to put pencil pressure on paper
through threading, cutting, weaving, playdough

Use tools to effect changes to materials

Show preference for dominant hand

Begin to use correct letter formations

Ball skills- throwing and catching.

Develop core strength with wheeled resources to
balance sit or ride on.