



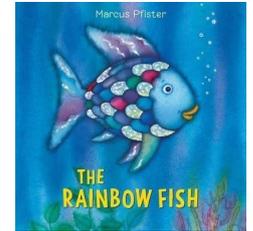
# RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

**CELEBRATIONS!**



**AUTUMN 2**

We will be having lots of fun this half term learning about different celebrations, how we celebrate in our homes and how they are celebrated in different parts of the world. Our focus story is *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister.



## LITERACY

In Phonics, we will be continuing to learn our Set 1 sounds and learning how to write them. Some of us will move onto 'special friends' and begin to read in our phonics sessions. We will explore the book, **The Rainbow Fish**. We will work together to re-write it. We will develop our oracy skills by learning a number of poems to help us learn about different celebrations. We will perform these for different groups around school.

## TOPIC

In our UW learning we learn about different celebrations, including Diwali, Bonfire Night, birthdays, weddings and Christmas. Children will have the opportunity to share about their own celebrations. We will find out if we celebrate in the same way and that not everybody celebrates the same things. We learn about Remembrance and why some people choose to observe it. We will be able to choose whether we would like to. We will learn how to be safe in the dark and around fire.

## PSED

Jigsaw is part of our PSED curriculum. This half-term, the theme is *Celebrating Difference*. We will learn the word 'unique' and think about what makes us special. We will find out about families and where we live. We will think more about friendship and friendship skills, and how to challenge behaviour that is not friendly.



## MATHS

In maths, we will explore the numbers five to seven, and we will start to learn number bonds to five. We will continue to explore shapes and start to increase our understanding of 3D shapes. We will explore the language of size, including longer and shorter, practically, as we make decorations.



## KEY QUESTIONS

- What is a celebration?
- Does everybody share this celebration?
- How do I celebrate? How do others?
- What do we need for a party?
- Are all weddings the same?
- How am I unique?



## DIARY DATES & OTHER INFORMATION

- Anti-Bullying Week 13th November
- Children in Need, 17th November,
- Birthday party 24th November
- PE is on Tuesday (Bees) & Wednesdays (Butterflies) - please send your child in their PE kit on their class's day.
- 'Reception Wedding', 29th November (wear party clothes)
- Christmas performance and party dates to be confirmed.