



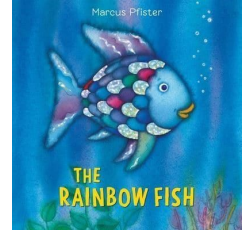
Reception News

Autumn 2, November 2024

CELEBRATIONS!



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.



PSED

This half-term, the theme is *Celebrating Differences*.

You will receive a set of activities supporting this half-term's learning that you can choose to do with your child at home. 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.



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 learn how to be safe in the dark and around fire. We will enjoy our own campfire with hot chocolate and marshmallow toasting.

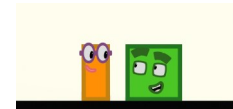
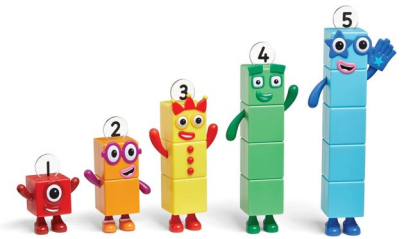


LITERACY

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.

MATHS

In maths, we will focus on numbers up to 5. We will explore these numbers in depth and use them, in lots of different contexts. We will explore 3D shapes and look at four sided shapes in greater depth.



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?



REMINDERS

PE will be on Tuesdays.

Please remember to send your child to school in their PE kit, including suitable footwear such as trainers in case we are outside.

(Plain T-shirt, plain joggers and school cardigan/jumper).

Reading

Please continue to share stories together at home as this is so important and helps children develop pre-reading skills and a love of books. Please bring bookbags to school every day.

Other key information and key dates for your diary:

Remembrance Day 11th Nov

Children In Need 15th Nov

Anti-bullying Week 18th – 22nd Nov

Open Classroom for parents 28th Nov

- Stay and Read - every Friday morning you are invited to stay and share a book with your child until 9:00am.
- **Friday 22nd November** Reception Wedding day. A team from Clifton Churches will come in to school and help us to celebrate our very own wedding. Children can wear their party clothes!
- **Wednesday 11th December** Teddy Bear Hospital: bring a teddy to school.
- **F2/Y1 Nativity Performance to parents on 10th December at 2.30pm and 12th Dec at 9.30am**
- **Christmas dinner and Jolly Jumper Day 11th December**
- **Christmas party day 19th December**

What can you do to support your child's learning at home?

- Have family time and talk about your experiences. Children learn so much through talk and it helps them to make sense of their experiences.
- Enjoy story books together. Read regularly to your child and talk about what happened in the story. These are vital pre-reading experiences.
- Once your child does start to bring home books they can read themselves, make sure they read them regularly at home.
- Spot numbers and letters in the environment and point them out. Notice the numerals that make your house number, the number on the bus, look for letters from their name in the road name signs etc
- Count things, such as: counting the stairs on the way to up bed, counting out the cups onto the table etc.
- Climb, run, jump and balance at the park and in other fun ways. This will strengthen core body muscles.
- Play with playdough, use water to paint the fence or wall, use a spray bottle to squirt water on plants. Activities like this strengthen hand wrist muscles ready for mark-making.

Which staff are in the Reception?

- **Mrs Norris, Reception (Bees) class teacher**
- **Mrs Watson, Reception support staff**



Contacting the Reception team

We are at the classroom door at drop off and pick up times and are always happy to say hello or have a quick chat.

Call the office to pass on a message or ask for a call back. 0115 9152953

Email: reception@dovecote.nottingham.sch.uk

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