Things to do at

- ◊ Share and talk about celebrations that are special to your family.
- ◊ Find out how your Grandparents celebrated their birthdays.
- ◊ Visit the library and find out about celebrations around the world.
- ◊ Order all your family members by age and find out in which month everyone was born.
- ◊ Make your own advent calendar .
- ◊ Make a Christmas Alphabet.

Please pop in and see any of our Early Years staff if you have any queries or you would like to help in some way!

Some useful websites:

- http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories
- http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html
- http://www.welephant.co.uk/

Please remember to be a safe and responsible internet user, have a look at the sites below for more information.

* **http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/**
* **http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/topics/safety-and-privacy/internet-safety-for-kids**

I wonder...all about celebrations and festivals.



Early Years Topic Booklet
Autumn Term

Every half term the children in our Nursery and Reception classes develop their skills through our cross curricular topic and integrated sessions.

This half term we will be learning all about…

Celebrations and Festivals!

"The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate."

Through our work and play we will be exploring lots of different ideas…

Birthdays!

Bonfire Night

Diwali

Christmas

We have planned our learning journey together, sharing our ideas about the exciting things that we would like to learn more about.

We will be learning through the seven areas of our curriculum.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Use a calendar to find and record our birthdays.
- Researching the Firework Code.
- How to keep safe in the dark.

Communication and Language

- Celebrations role-play.
- Following a sequence of oral instructions to wrap a birthday present.
- Talking about our experiences of celebrations extending our sentences by using joining words.

Physical Development

- Firework dancing.
- Developing independent dressing skills; PE kit, coats, hats, scarves and gloves.
- Building 3d fireworks using tubes, pegs, clips, elastic bands.

Literacy

- List making - planning the best birthday ever!
- Re-telling the Christmas story.
- Developing the use of adjectives in our spoken and written work.

Mathematics

- Naming and describing 3d shape Christmas presents.
- Naming the months of the year.
- Understanding and using the language of more and less in Christmas problem solving.

Understanding of The World

- The story of Rama and Sita
- How we have changed since our last birthday.
- Christmas celebrations around the world.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Salt-dough poppies.
