

## Autumn Term 2 - Celebrations (Things you can do to help your child are in blue)

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- SEAL Programme - Getting on and falling out
- Children's ideas for rules
- Sharing and turn taking
- Talk about the rules in your house
- Model how you follow the rules and model good listening, sharing, kindness and being respectful.
- Recognising expressions in others
- Talk to each other about how you feel.
- Growing up - The bottle and dummy fairy visits
- Help your child to give their bottles and dummies up. This enables a healthy mouth shape, which effects speech and language development.

### Physical Development

- Ring games Playing games together
- Dance together to music on the radio or a CD - take it in turns to choose the music
- Using tools like scissors, hole-punches and tape dispensers They can practise at home too.

### Communication and Language

- Noticing similarities and differences - describing people
- Play a guessing game about people you know 'I'm thinking of... a person with brown hair who is wearing blue trousers' Who could it be?
- Halloween/Fireworks
- What did you see/do at half-term/ at the weekend?
- Visit a firework display or watch one on the television.
- Role Play -/ Halloween house/Rama & Sita/Christmas stories
- Model/or join in with tea-set, picnic, hospital, shop play (any child interests)
- Learning seasonal songs
- Sing your child's favourite songs at home

### Literacy

- Learning to write own name on cards /Writing patterns using cars/sand trays
- Make writing patterns in the air together- use music

- Attempt writing their names' on cards or adding kisses (X) and hugs (O).
- Use semolina or sand in a biscuit tin to practise writing patterns/ letters
- Retelling familiar stories
- Share 3 Bears, 3 Billy Goats Gruff, 3 Little Pigs, Dear Zoo, Diwali/ Nativity or any favourite stories.
- Recognising environmental print
- Look at signs together wherever you go

## Maths Development

- Numbers in the environment (Postman play)
- Look and find numbers on doors or car number plates when you are out
- Counting forwards and backwards (rocket or firework countdowns)
- Ordering by size Help sort out the family washing into sizes
- Positional language Try hiding a favourite toy or use a sticker and ask the child to describe where it is.
- Counting down days to Christmas Advent Calendars

## Understanding the World

- Light and dark - Festivals of light -Diwali and Christmas stories
- Keeping yourself safe - Firework and fire-safety
- Exploring light/dark in the Sensory Room and using the light box
- Talk to your child about the family celebrations that are traditional in your family. They may want to bring a photo or an interesting object to show at school. (Play with children's torches at home, wind-up torches are good fun.)

## Expressive Arts and Design

- Making models eg fireworks. Tune into your children's ideas when they want to make things. Share their ideas with their key-worker.
- Asian dance and music. Firework movement. Dance at home together to a range of different music on the radio or CDs
- Making cards and decorations /Using different painting & collage techniques
- Make some cards and decorations for your home. Send us a photo or bring in a sample. (Diwali, Halloween, Christmas)