

## Topic News

### Saturn – Term 2

#### Our topic this half term ‘Celebrations’.

##### Literacy

This term we will be looking at 3 different books; ‘Sparks in the Sky’, ‘Binny’s Diwali’ and ‘The Jolly Christmas Postman’.

We will be:

- ✓ Looking at and identifying the features of a recount to help us write our own.
- ✓ Writing our own stories based on a celebration.
- ✓ Writing letters and invitations.

##### Phonics

- ✓ Continue to learn alternative pronunciations and spellings of graphemes previously taught.

##### Numeracy

Addition and subtraction:

- ✓ Recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently and derive and use related facts up to 100.
- ✓ Adding and subtraction 2-digit numbers.
- ✓ Adding three 1-digit numbers.

Money:

- ✓ Find different combination of coins that equal the same amounts of money.
- ✓ Solve simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction of money of the same unit, including giving change.

##### Science

##### Everyday materials and their properties

- ✓ Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick/rock, and paper/cardboard for particular uses.
- ✓ Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.
- ✓ Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.
- ✓ Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.
- ✓ Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock.
- ✓ Distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made.

##### Plants

- ✓ Identify and name a variety of common plants, including garden plants, wild plants and trees and those classified as deciduous and evergreen.
- ✓ Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers.

### Art/DT

- ✓ Making our own firework and bonfire pictures. We shall be looking at the work of Jackson Pollock to inspire us.
- ✓ Making winter cards and calendars using different mediums.

### PSHE

In PSHE we are being introduced to our new school values:

- Empathy
- Honesty
- Respect
- Responsibility

### RE – The Christmas Story

We will be reading and retelling the Christmas Story.

Retell the Christmas Story from the point of view from different people. For example, we will be thinking about how the poor donkey must have felt walking all that way with a heavily pregnant Mary on its back.

### Topic – How do people Celebrate?

We will be focusing on bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas.

We shall be learning about Guy Fawkes and why he is a significant person in history.

**We will be asking and answering the following questions:**

Why do we let off fireworks on bonfire night?

Who is Guy Fawkes?

How do people from other cultures celebrate?

Is it better to give or to receive?

### PE – Gymnastics

- ✓ Remember, repeat and link combinations of gymnastic actions, body shapes and balances with control and precision.
- ✓ Choose, use and vary simple compositional ideas in the sequences they create and perform.
- ✓ Recognise and describe what their bodies feel like during different types of activity.

**We do hope that this information is useful. If at any time you would like any further information or you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us further.**

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