

## Autumn 2 - Pre-School

We been very busy, as always, this half term. Our topic this half term has been Festivals and Celebrations, using different stories and poems as our stimulus.

### Communication and Language

We have been working on our listening, understanding and attention skills. The children have used different activities, such as role play, book reading and games, to ensure that the children are making strides in their learning.

We have also played lots of circles games, and read a wide variety of stories, including visits to the library to enjoy their books too.



### PSED

We have thought about other cultures and how they celebrate, and how they have similarities and differences to our festivals. Remembrance day gave us the opportunity to think about others and how they have impacted on our lives. We have continued to work on building our relationships with others, resilience and self-regulation. We used circle time to take turns in conversation and describe how we celebration Christmas in our homes.



## Physical Development

We have continued using the equipment on the KSI playground to build our skills in climbing, and also in risk assessment. We have developed chasing games and role play chase games on the playground too.

Our fine motor has been developed through our scissor skill activities, pencil control activities; including writing our names, as well as pegging



## Literacy

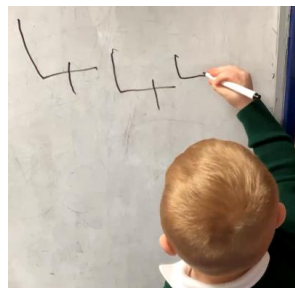
We have been reading lots of stories about different festivals and celebrations this half term. We have also carried out lots of ordering of stories activities, including Bonfire Night, Babushka and the Christmas Story.

Our traditional tale has been The Gingerbread Man, and we have retold the story, ordered the story and carried out lots of activities based on it.



## Maths

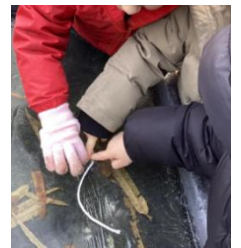
We have enjoyed learning lots of number rhymes and using these to support our learning of numbers to 5. We have been using our number skills to accurately count and are beginning to subitise numbers to 3. We have carried out weighing activities and ordering objects by size.



## Understanding the World

This half term we have been focusing on different festivals and cultures. We have learnt about the English festivals of Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day, as well as the Hindu festival of Diwali. We have then learnt about the Christmas story and why Christians celebrate this festival. Within the Gingerbread man story we investigated the best materials for a boat to float the Gingerbread man over the river. We also explored what happens to gingerbread in different liquids.

We also took advantage of the very cold days to explore the ice and frosty cobwebs, creating our own cobwebs using glue and glitter; and also to feed the birds, by making our own feeders.



## EAD

In our imaginative and creative play we have explored the artist Paul Cummins, as used his poppy art work to inspire our clay poppies. We created poppies independently using play dough, and with our creative resources. To celebrate Bonfire Night we created firework pictures using paint and glitter. For Diwali we created Rangoli pictures outside using powder paint, and diva lamps using playdough.

We have enjoyed role playing using the Christmas costumes, and practising our Christmas songs for our parent stay and play.

We have also used a range of skills to create our Christmas cards and decorations, and calendars.



*Well done Pre-School for working so hard this half term.*