



Early Years Foundation Stage

Autumn 2nd half term 2023

In Foundation Stage, we believe that young children learn best through play and following their own interests. With this in mind, we decide on a theme for each half term, but this will often change direction based on the children's ideas and fascinations.

Children in our Foundation Stage learn by exploring and investigating our areas of provision in which resources and activities are set to challenge and extend learning and development.

In addition to our engaging indoor and outdoor provision, children take part in daily focused activities in which they are directly taught skills and knowledge in reading, writing and mathematics.

How Do We Celebrate?

This half term we will be focussing on the different ways people celebrate important events and festivals.

We will start by looking at why we celebrate bonfire night whilst learning about how we can make sure we stay safe.

We will also be looking at how people celebrate Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas and celebrating ourselves in lots of exciting ways - be prepared for lots of colour and glitter!

In maths we will continue to follow White Rose maths to focus on the numbers 4 and 5 to develop a deeper understanding.

We will be looking at the key principles of subitising (instantly recognising a small quantity without having to count), quantity (the amount you have of something) and partitioning (separating a set into two or more subsets).

We will also be exploring shape and exploring how we can find them all around the school environment.

The reception children are very excited to be performing in their first Ashurst Nativity 'A Present for the Baby'.