#### **Literacy**

We will start the term with Leaf Man, exploring Autumn words. We will use Kippers Birthday to inspire planning our own party, writing lists, recipes and invitations. We will continue to use Song of Sounds to learn new phonemes and learn to blend sounds to read words and segment sounds to spell words. We will link our learning of writing and sounding out words to write captions for the Nativity story. We will read lots of stories about Christmas and will answer questions about what is happening and what will happen next.

#### **Religious Education**

This term our topic is Prophecy and Promise. We will focus on the Nativity story. We will learn that Mary was chosen by God to be Jesus mother. Then we will learn about the long journey to Bethlehem that Mary and Joseph made, followed by Jesus being born in a stable and laid in a manger and that the shepherds visited Jesus in the stable. Finally we will learn that Advent is a time to get ready for Christ and that Jesus came for the whole world.

### **Mathematics**

We will be learning about number compositions/number bonds to 5 and subitising. Children will learn about day and night, using everyday time words. We will be focusing on vocabulary of simple addition and subtraction, one more and one less, subitising and number bonds. We will begin to do simple additions and subtractions of 1. We will also be exploring and building our knowledge around number bonds.

## **Communication And Language**

We will explore vocabulary that describes Autumnal changes and fireworks. Throughout the Autumn term we will continue to develop positional language, including first and last. Narrative development continues through retelling our key texts and through telling our own stories in Helicopter stories and small world imaginative play.

### **Birthdays**



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# Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We continue to work on playing and learning co-operatively as well as learning to use talk to resolve our problems and worries. We will explore how art, music and special occasions can make us feel and begin to explain our emotions. Our independence will continue to be developed as we remember more routines and increase our responsibilities within the unit.

# **Expressive Arts and Design**

Our Artist of the half term is Andy Goldsworthy. We will look at his sculptures and those of other land artists and talk about if we like the art, how it makes us feel and why. We will make our own land sculpture art and leaf art inspired by Leaf Man. We will also sculpt Diwali lamps.

## **Physical Education**

We will begin to learn dances for our Nativity Play and continue to follow the Jasmine scheme, working on developing core skills alongside personal and social skills. We will be working on simple tasks which we can complete by ourselves and also to be able to work sensibly with others, taking turns and sharing.

# **Understanding The World**

We will think about changes, observing the changes in the Season and weather. Linked to RE we will look at how we have changed as we have grown. We will learn about different festivals and celebrations including Diwali, Bonfire Night, Baptism, Birthdays and Christmas.