

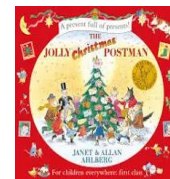
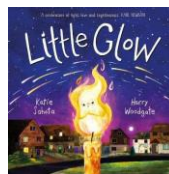
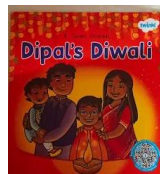
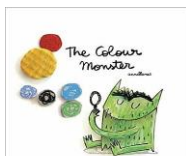


## Year R

### Autumn 2- Sparkle and Shine

#### Key books this term:

We will be learning counting rhymes and performing nursery rhymes in PE.



#### Key vocabulary:

Now, then, memory, advent, care, celebration, light, dark, circle, triangle, square, rectangle, more and less

We will be learning about different celebrations, exploring light and dark, talking about changes over time, preparing for Christmas and exploring pitch in music.

#### Literacy

We will be continuing to learn our phonic sounds. **Check classroom notices for weekly sounds.**

We will be practising forming recognisable letters in our handwriting families beginning with the long ladder and caterpillar families of letters.

#### Maths

We will be continuing to apply maths to real life purposes in our calendar maths and counting down to special events. We will be working within 5 focusing on composition of numbers, subitising, representing numbers and knowing one more and less.

We will be identifying, naming and exploring 2D shapes (circles triangles and shapes with 4 sides) describing position and talking about day and night.

#### Please remember:

- Library books are changed on a Wednesday. Please ensure books are in book bags on this day.
- Phonics tins for new sounds on Fridays.
- Check out classroom notice boards
- RED cards collected on Fridays.
- Donation Tree- we would be grateful for any support with these resources.
- Reading activities on Oxford Owl.

This is a busy half term with lots of events such as Bonfire night, Diwali, Halloween, Remembrance day and Christmas. Please check newsletters and emails regularly for key dates.

Volunteers are needed for upcoming events. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are able to help.

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 8:40 – 10:45am- Trip to St Barnabus Church. E-form will be sent out week commencing 19/10, please let us know on the form if you are able to support.
- Diwali celebration - As part of our learning about **Diwali**, we would love to hear from any parents, carers or family members who celebrate this special festival. If you are available, we would be delighted if you could come into school to talk to the children about how you celebrate Diwali, share a story, show photographs, explain traditions, or bring in any special items that help us learn more about this important celebration.

Even a short visit would be greatly appreciated and would help bring our learning to life. Please speak to a member of the team if you are able to help. Thank you!

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This half term we will be learning about what it means to be a Can-do-it-tops and thinking about our learning value 'Care'.

#### Religious Education



As a school, we follow the Hampshire Living Difference Religious Education Planning. This half term, we will be looking at Celebrating birth, talking about how we have changed and thinking about why people celebrate special times.



Scan to go to Smartie the Penguin on Childnet.



#### E- Safety

We will be looking at how to keep safe online. We will be using Smartie the Penguin to remind us what to do when we get that uh-oh feeling and to always ask a grown – up for help.

This half term we will be busy preparing for our Christmas Show. Please look out for a **costume letter in your child's book bag. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need help with costumes.**

## RE Homework Challenge: My Birth Celebration Box

As part of our RE learning about **celebrating birth**, we would like the children to create their own **Birth Celebration Box** to share with the class.

Please work with your child to fill a small box (or bag) with items that help tell the story of how their birth was celebrated. These could include:

- Photos of when they were a baby
- Birthday or congratulation cards
- Drawings of special gifts they received
- Pictures of special toys, clothes or keepsakes from when they were born
- Any other items that help tell their story

**Please do not send in valuable, precious or irreplaceable items**, as we cannot take responsibility for them whilst they are in school. We would encourage sending photographs or drawings of special items instead. Please ensure that all items are clearly named.

Before bringing the box into school, please spend some time talking with your child about the items they have chosen so that they feel confident sharing their Birth Celebration Box with their classmates.

We look forward to learning about all the different ways our families celebrated such a special occasion!



Due Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December