

Donaldson Term Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome back — we hope you had a lovely break! This overview gives you a snapshot of what your child will be learning this term, along with key information and ways you can support at home.

Our Topic: Celebrations and Autumn

This term, we will be exploring the world around us during Autumn, looking at changes and celebrations during this period. We will also explore celebrations such as weddings, Diwali, and birthdays — from our local environment to different places and cultures. Learning will focus on building communication, curiosity and independence through practical, engaging activities.

We're here to help

Your child's class teacher is Melissa Chubb

Your child's support staff are: Sammi (HLTA), Collins, Emma and Tegan

We're always happy to talk, please call the school if you want to arrange a time to meet or discuss anything

What your child will be learning

English

Core texts- Five Little Fireworks, The Lumpy, Bumpy Pumpkin, Let's Celebrate an Indian Wedding and Miss Spiders Wedding.

We will use these texts to develop comprehension by getting to know the characters, sequencing parts of the stories, answering questions and using them as inspiration for writing and reading.

At home- the greatest activity you can do with your child is to share a story with them. Point out the characters, key words, get them to turn the pages.

Maths

In Maths we will revisit counting and learn about number bonds to 5, big/ small, tall/ short and patterns. Putting all the above concepts into real life situations so they are better ingrained in their learning.

At home these concepts can be practiced, for example who has the bigger dinner, smaller piece of cake. Creating patterns with socks, white sock/ black sock, or different food items.

Wider World

During our Wider World sessions, we will look at events, celebrations and seasonal activities, over the coming months. The pupils will be taking part in crafts, sensory play, exploring the natural environment and learning more about themselves and their place in the world.

At home this can be explored by trips to the park, looking at the changes the seasons bring, trying new food or experiencing different music.

PSHE

This term's topic is 'Being Me in My World', followed by 'Celebrating Differences', looking at what makes 'me' special', who is important in their world, comparing similarities and differences, and celebrating who they are.

At home, positive affirmations, daily, will create a positive moment in time with your child.

Enrichment opportunities

We will bring learning to life through:

- Local trips to local supermarket to buy cooking ingredients for each weekly lesson. Going out in small groups, to practise real-world skills such as finding items, pushing a trolley and using the check out.
- Outdoor learning and exploration

Dates etc

- Every Friday from 18th September through to 23rd October (First half Autumn Term) we will be going swimming to Abbeycroft Leisure Centre in Bury St Edmunds. This will focus on building life skills, healthy living and accessing the community safely.
- Tuesday 10th November- Trip to Thetford Forest



Acorn Park