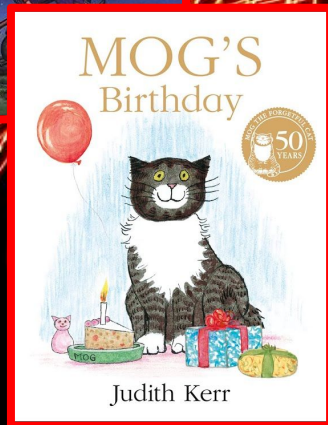
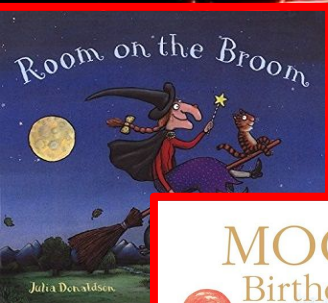
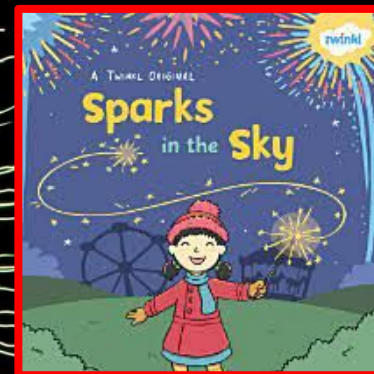
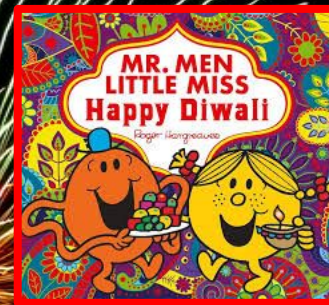
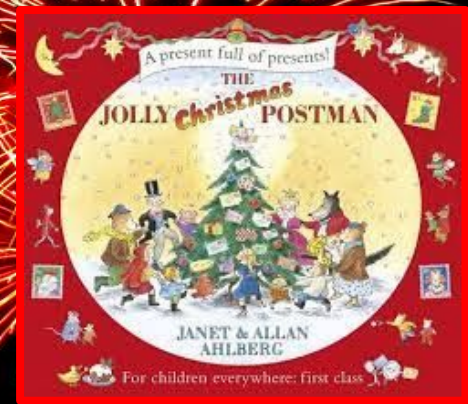


# Year R Term 2



## Sparkle and Shine

This topic teaches children about the celebrations that take place during the autumn and winter seasons, and focus on the significance and symbolism of light at this time of year.



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## Personal Social and Emotional Development

Children will be working together in groups to recreate an experience, we will encourage children to join in circle time discussions about celebrations they have experienced such as Halloween, Diwali and Christmas. We will talk about how we celebrate with our families. We will use our role-play areas with other children, understanding that we play in ways which respect each other, and listen to each other's ideas.



Halloween  
Remembrance day  
Autumn  
Bonfire night  
Christmas  
Diwali

## Understanding of the world

This term we will be learning about different festivals that are celebrated at this time of year. We will use the internet to find out more about the different celebrations and use a variety of technology to help with our learning, including the use of cameras to take photos of seasonal change when on an Autumn walk. We will create decorations, cook food and experience a range of traditional experiences linked to the different festivals we are learning about.

## Expressive Art and Design

Discussions will offer opportunities for children to think about the different festivals and celebrations. We will have a range of junk-modelling materials available for children to explore linked to the focus celebration such as making diya lamps or decorations for the home corner. Children will role-play using costumes and equipment to create their own scenarios and share their own experiences. We will role play in the home corner and adding weekly enrichments linked to the week's celebration focus. We will provide a range of instruments for children to create their own songs and tunes.



## Physical Development

We will explore moving in different ways to develop our core strength and balance whilst moving safely around our environment. The children can create their own obstacle courses which could include planks to balance and walk along, hoops to jump through, tunnels to crawl through, obstacles to climb over and practise rolling skills. To develop fine motor control, the children will engage in finger gym activities themed to the topic such as painting outside using large rollers and brushes, chalking, threading and scissor control and use tools safely. Dressing-up clothes and props that reflect a range of different festivals will be available around the provision. If they have buttons and zips, all the better!

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## Useful Websites

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>  
[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)  
[www.getepic.com](http://www.getepic.com)  
[Numberblocks](http://Numberblocks)

## Mathematics

We will be learning to represent numbers to 5, compare a range of objects by size, exploring composition of numbers to 5, circles and triangles, positional language, shapes with 4 side as well as time. For each concept, key mathematical language is explained along with engaging visual aids and questions to promote discussion. We will ask children questions sharing vocabulary for each concept to promote lots of good quality talk to develop a secure understanding of numbers and develop their mathematical skills.

## Communication and Language

We will develop our listening skills by listen to stories and answer questions and the book. We will explore new vocabulary linked to festivals and celebrations and discussing the meaning of key vocabulary. We will discuss fireworks and the importance of keeping safe.. We will be creating lots of role-play experiences for the children to practice speaking and listening to each other.

## Literacy

We will continue with our daily phonics sessions and reading sessions. The children will have the opportunity to apply their knowledge though the day; to write words and simple sentences. In the reading areas, a selection of topic relation books will be available for the children to access and inform their discussions sharing new vocabulary with each other. We will play alliteration games for children to practise letter recognition and letter sounds. The children are encouraged to recognise their own name and write it on their work . We will write cards and send them to our families using the post office. Opportunities for writing are available in all our learning areas using resources such as magnetic letters, chalk, pens, crayons, whiteboards and large paper to draw and express their ideas and use their phonics knowledge to write their own labels.

## Home work and Logins

Home Reading:  
Wednesday- Sharing books  
Friday- Phonics



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<https://tapestryjournal.com/>

Your account details with the setting up instructions will have been sent to your email address.

Dates for the diary- 15th December Hedgehog stay and play afternoon, 16th December Squirrel stay and play afternoon

12th December Morning- Christmas show, 13th December Afternoon- Christmas show

