

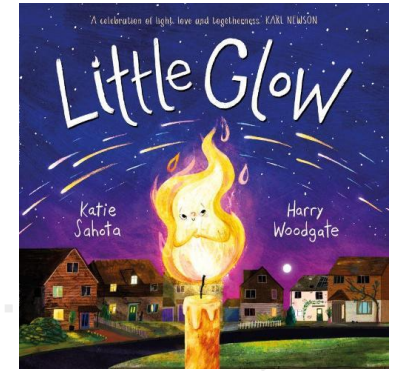
Let's Celebrate!

Nursery Autumn Term 2
2022/2023



This half term we will be spent exploring the different celebrations and festivals that happen before the end of the year! We will be learning about how these are celebrated around the world to bring families and friends together. To do this, we will be sharing lots of stories and activities to tell us about the celebration.

Throughout this topic, our main aim is to introduce these celebrations to the children for them to gain a deeper understanding that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times differently.



Key Celebrations & Stories:

Little Glow – A story of hope, which introduces readers to religious and cultural festivals.

Diwali:

- Rama and Sita
- Peppa Pig's Diwali

Birthday's:

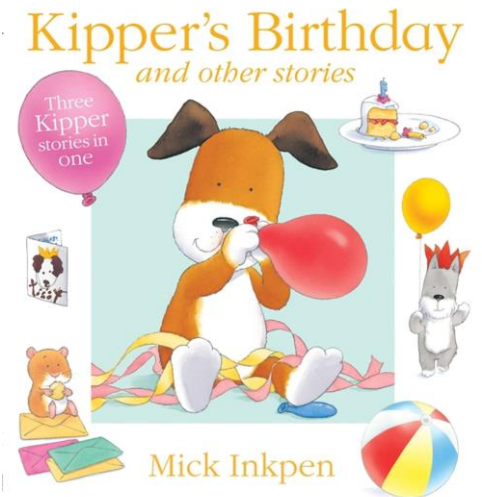
- Kipper's Birthday

Autumn:

- Leaf Thief

Christmas:

Dear Santa
The Snowman
Christmas Nativity





Foundation for Phonics

Little Wandle Phonics Scheme

At Aragon, we use Little Wandle Phonics Scheme across the school. Recently, they have created a 'Foundations for Phonics' which contributes to children's communication and language and literacy skills in Nursery.

In Nursery, one of the most important aspects we focus on is developing an awareness of sound. There are lots of opportunities this can happen! We aim to provide activities that focus on listening and attention in order to support children's development in Nursery.

This half term, we will be focusing on activities that support children to hear the phonemes in words. We will do this by playing games during our carpet sessions and throughout the day to support children on their oral blending and progression of sounds.

Blend from the box!

One game we will introduce to the children is 'blend from the box'. We will introduce the sound and have different objects which begin with the sound of the day. We will use oral blending to blend words aloud with the new sounds for the children to work out!

For Example...

/S/ is our sound for the day...

Items in the box...



World Nursery Rhyme Week

Week Commencing: 14th November 2022

We are very excited to announce that we will be taking part in World Nursery Rhyme Week at Aragon! During this week, we will be sharing 5 new Nursery Rhymes to the children for them to perform to their parents and carers in our special assembly!

On Thursday 17th November 2022, we are having a dress up day where the children and teacher's dress up from a character from a Nursery Rhyme. We cannot wait to see all their costumes!

The importance of nursery rhymes for the under 7's

Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood development and education. As well as being fun they are excellent teaching tools:



Nursery rhymes and children's songs boost vocabulary and language development



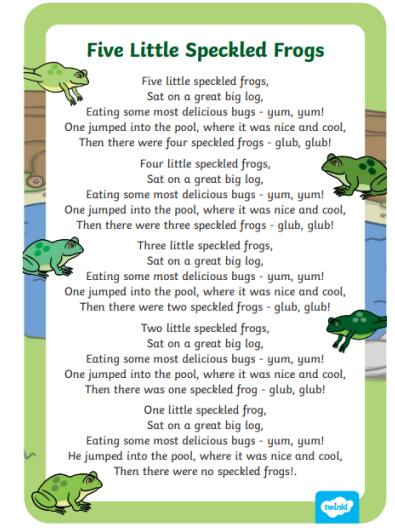
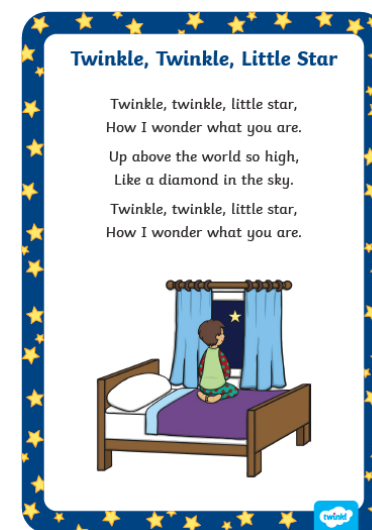
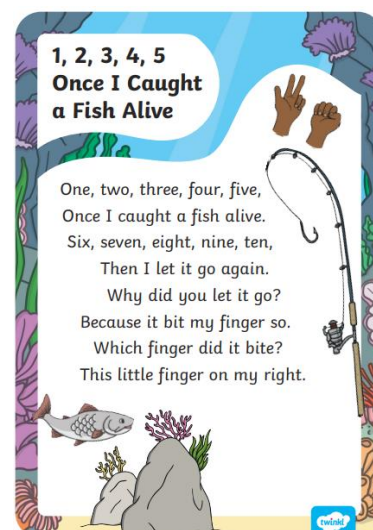
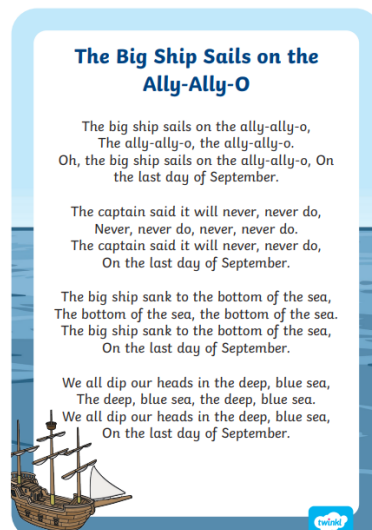
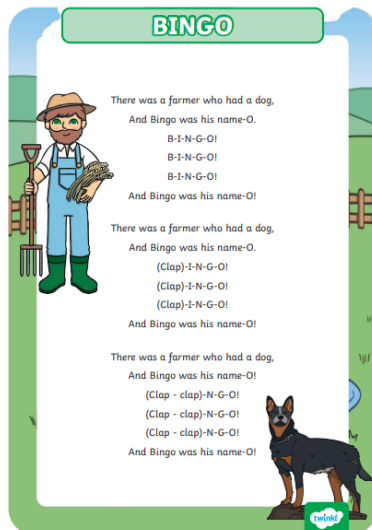
They help children to develop literacy skills



They provide a fun way to support early numeracy skills



Nursery rhymes help children to develop social, physical and emotional skills.





Communication & Language

This half term, we will be exposing the children to lots of opportunities to encourage listening and speaking skills. We will be listening to others when talking about the celebrations we share with our families.

Throughout the unit, we will be introducing key vocabulary to the children. This will be introduced on a Monday for the children to become familiar with across the week. The environment will support children in using this language in their play.

We are going to continue to enhance children in sharing their ideas with their peers to encourage listening. This will support their friendships and relationships that they have already built at Nursery.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We are continuing to ensure we follow our golden rules to strengthen our friendships. At the end of the half term, we will be performing our Christmas Nativity to an audience giving us the opportunity to develop our confidence. We are also going to have an assembly to celebrate World Nursery Rhyme Week with our families.



Physical Development

With the weather becoming colder, we are encouraging the children to become independent with their personal belongings. Ensuring they can put their coat, hat, gloves on independently or with little support.

At the end of the half term, we will be carrying out our writing assessment to enhance our pencil grip whilst using a dominant hand. The outside area remains open, and we are going to be encouraged to become confident when using the balance bikes and scooters.





Literacy



During our carpet sessions, we are going to introduce Foundations for Phonics using the Little Wandle scheme of work. Here, we will be playing lots of games and activities to support children to develop their awareness of sound.

Within this topic, we will be sharing lots of books that provide information to the children around a specific topic to develop a deeper understanding of the celebration or festival.

We will be continuing to develop our mark making skills in a variety of ways. We will create firework pictures, Rangoli patterns, letter writing and making our own Poppies. We will be encouraged to give meaning to the marks we have made and recall key information around the celebration.



Maths

We are really excited to introduce our new RekenRek's scheme and adapt it to expose it to the children in Nursery. We will be looking at subitising numbers, and ensuring we have a deeper and secure understanding of numbers 1-5. We will be using lots of Number Rhymes (5 little ducks, 5 little snowmen and 5 little pumpkins) and number blocks to support their understanding with this.

Understanding the World



This topic allows us to link closely to celebrating and valuing culture, religion and community events and or experiences. We are going to be learning about different celebrations and festivals around the world and be comparing them to our own. We will also be learning about past events and why they are still significant to us now. Within our sessions, we will be talking about our own experiences and sharing pictures to encourage discussion on how they may differ to our peers.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be participating in World Nursery Rhyme Week by learning 5 new rhymes. We will be adding actions to the words to help us remember them and work together to perform them.

We are also going to be working hard rehearsing our Christmas Nativity with songs and dances to learn. Everyone will be given a character role to tell the Christmas Story to an audience.

