Sparkle & Shine!

Reception Autumn Term 2 Curriculum Map

This half term, we will be learning all about different celebrations and festivals from around the world. Through engaging activities and captivating stories, we aim to introduce these celebrations to our children and help them to be aware and understand that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.

Key Vocabulary

Bonfire Night, fireworks, explode, whoosh, bang, crackle, Guy Fawkes, Gunpowder Plot, treason.
Diwali, diva lamp, rangoli pattern, mendhi pattern.
Remembrance Day, poppy, remember, soldier, war, battle.
Birthday, celebrate, party, decorations, gift, present.
Christmas, nativity, Bethlehem, decorations, presents, Santa.

Key Stories/Rhymes

Rama & Sita: The Story of Diwali
Let's Celebrate: Special Days Around the World

The Gunpowder Plot
Hello Friend
Kipper's Birthday
Andy Pandy's Birthday Party
Christmas Nativity
Dear Santa
The Jolly Postman

Personal Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to follow the Golden Rules and make new friendships, particularly during Friendship Week.
We will be developing our confidence to perform in front of an audience for our Christmas Performance.
We will be thinking about how to express our feelings appropriately and the feelings of others.

Physical Development

We are very excited to continue our weekly PE sessions where we will be developing our Fundamental Movement Skills, which this half term are hand, eye, feet coordination and body awareness controlling. This means we will be playing a variety of different games to develop these key skills whilst also remembering to follow instructions and continue to work as a team. We will also have access to our outside area on a daily basis where we can select activities to develop our gross motor skills independently.

Communication and Language

We will be creating lots of opportunities to listen carefully and to respond to others when sharing special times for our own families. When listening to others, we will remember to wait for our turn to talk. We will practise talking together in pairs, groups and as a whole class. We will continue to extend our vocabulary.
We will also be learning about different items people use during their celebrations e.g. diva lamps, fireworks etc.

Literacy

We will continue with our daily phonics lessons recapping on what we have learnt so far and introducing the following new sounds: ff ll ss j v w x y z zz qu ch sh th ng nk .
We will be learning lots of new tricky words such as: put, pull full as and has his her go no to into she push he of we me be.
We will be using our phonic knowledge to read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter-sound correspondence.
We will be creating lots of opportunities for our children to use their phonics knowledge in their writing e.g. firework noises, Diwali cards, letters to Father Christmas, Christmas lists etc.

Maths

We will continue to follow our Maths No Problem and RekenReks schemes where we will be:
- finding out how many objects there are altogether
- reinforcing our understanding of cardinality
- matching the number of objects in 2 sets using "more than" and "fewer than"
- understanding wholes and parts of a number
- understanding & using positional language

Understanding the World

We will be learning that some places are special to members of our community. We will recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways. We will compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past, particularly when learning about The Gunpowder Plot.

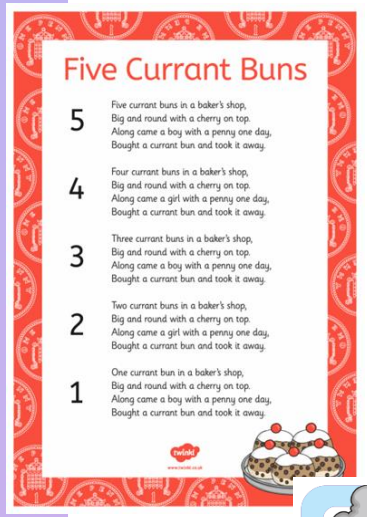
Expressive Arts and Design

We will be taking part in World Nursery Rhyme Week, where each day we will be learning new rhymes and practising rhymes that we already know. We will also be very busy rehearsing for our Christmas Performance, where we will all take on a character role to act out the story of Christmas.

Nursery Rhyme Week

We are very excited to announce that we will be taking part in World Nursery Rhyme Week at Aragon.

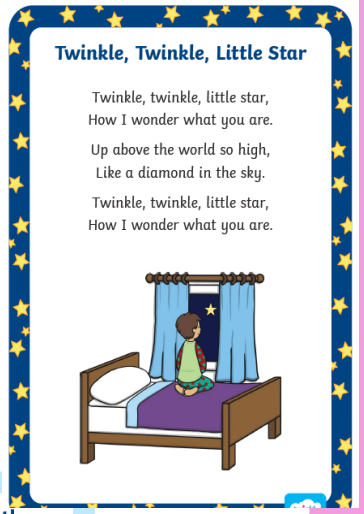
Please find below the nursery rhymes we will be focussing on during this week, but please also continue to share a variety of different nursery rhymes as well.

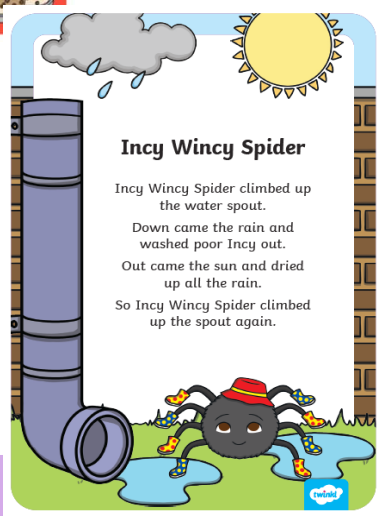


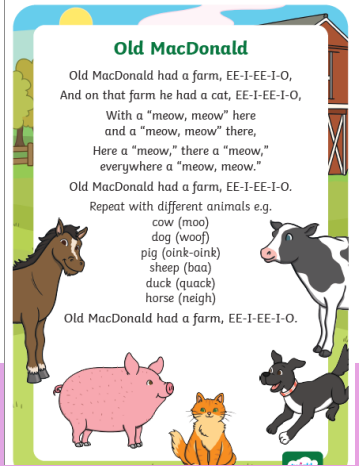
The importance of nursery rhymes for the under 7's

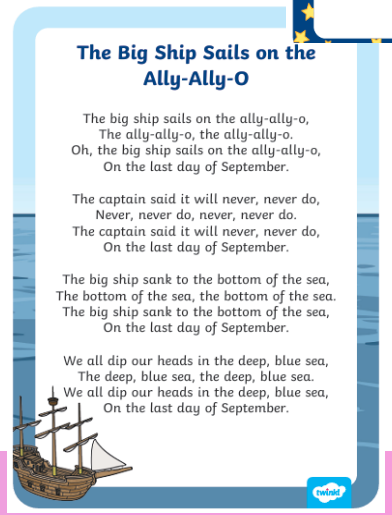
Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood development and education. As well as being fun they are excellent teaching tools:

- 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.









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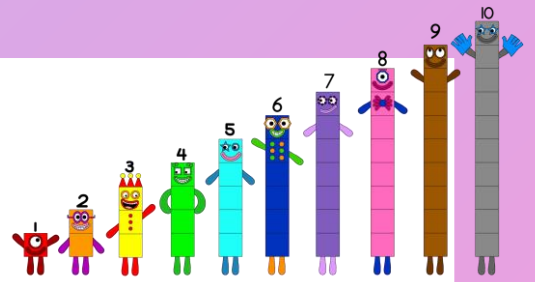

Here at Aragon, we are very proud to be a part of The RekenReks Project.
This project aims to secure firm foundations in the development of good number sense for all children from Reception through to Year 1 and Year 2. The aim over time is that children will leave KS1 with fluency in calculation and a confidence and flexibility with number. Attention will be given to key knowledge and understanding needed in Reception classes, and progression through KS1 to support success in the future.

As part of their daily maths carpet session, the children in Reception will be developing a firm understanding of how to subitise numbers to 10. We will be using lots of manipulatives such as cubes, counters and sorting toys to gain a deeper understanding of numbers to 10.

To support this further, we will be using the number block characters and visuals.