



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

Year 1 - Autumn Term 2 (2025-2026)

Topic: Light and dark

Our vision is to enable children to become lifelong learners by creating a safe and inclusive learning environment that nurtures individuality and enhances potential

PE – Dance / Team based games

- Explore Diwali through dance (BBC Lets Move)
- Explore Seasons through dance (BBC Lets Move)
- Explore Bonfire Night through dance (BBC Lets Move)
- Understand the need for warm up and cool down.
- Work cooperatively with others.
- Developing and refining ball skills – throwing, catching and kicking

English

- Write poems about Bonfire Night and fireworks
- Re-tell stories that celebrate festivals of light
- Research nocturnal animals and present information fact files
- Ask questions about nocturnal animals
- Present information about a chosen animal orally, working as part of a group
- Spell names of animals correctly using letter names
- Identify features of non-fiction texts
- Understand how to find information in a non-fiction book
- Collect facts about owls by reading a non-fiction book
- Write sentences as an introduction to their own books about owls

RE/PSHCE – Christianity (Christmas)

- Explore what Christians remember at Christmas
- Find out about what Christians believe about Jesus
- Explore why the Bible is important to Christians
- Explore how Christians believe that Jesus is God's Son
- Learn about the celebration of Christmas and Jesus' birth

Science – Seasonal changes

- Understand that the day length changes each day and varies from season to season
- Learn about the weather for the season and consider if the weather they are expecting is typical
- Understand more about the different seasons of the year, including the current season
- Explore shadows and how they change during the day
- Understand that warm and cold weather, including snow, can be specific to different seasons

Skills and Knowledge

Maths

- Subtraction – taking away using the symbol
- Subtraction – counting back
- Subtraction – Finding the difference
- Comparing addition and subtraction statements
- Recognise and name 2D & 3D shapes
- Sort 2D & 3D shapes
- Counting forwards and backwards to 20
- Using place value to explore tens and ones
- Use a number line to 20
- Compare numbers
- Order numbers

Topic – Light and dark

- Learn that there are many sources of light
- Learn that light sources vary in brightness
- Consider what life would be like if the sun didn't rise and create daylight
- Observe and make comparisons of sources of light
- Investigate different nocturnal animals
- Explore different festivals of light around the world
- Learn about the origins of Bonfire Night
- Share firework safety tips

Music

- To sing in tune.
- Perform and accompany simple rhythmic patterns.
- Increase understanding of pitch.

Computing

- Using Busy Things (coding)
- Keeping personal information safe (e-safety)

Art/DT

- Make Rangoli patterns and mehndi designs
- Create Christmas snowflakes
- Create firework art - Rockets and Catherine wheels twirling and whirling in the sky
- Create a nocturnal animals collage
- Use clay to make nocturnal animals
- Use leaves from the garden to create animals