

### Understanding the World:

We will be learning:

- All about different celebrations and festivals around the world.
- Understand what happened on Bonfire Night.
- Why we remember on the 11<sup>th</sup> November
- How Diwali and Christmas are celebrated all around the world and begin to understand the differences and similarities between festivals.

**RE:** Our big question this term is: What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if he had been born here instead of in Bethlehem? We will be discussing the Christmas story and the gifts that are special to us.

**PSED:** We will be using Jigsaw to look at Celebrating Differences. We will discuss how everyone is different and what makes each of us unique. We will also discuss bullying and how we deal with it. We will be using our values of tolerance and love to support this.

## Foundation Stage Unit Termly Planning

**Communication and Language/Literacy:** This term we will be looking at the key stories: Rama and Sita, Dear Santa, The Jolly Postman and Stick Man. We will be retelling the stories, making key characters and features, and beginning to write our own letters to Father Christmas. The children (Reception) will also begin their Speed Set Sound 1 sounds where we will be rehearsing our sounds and letter formations.

## Fabulous Festivals



**This term our topic is Fabulous Festivals. We will be looking at festivals around the world and how they are celebrated.**

**Physical Development:** This term we will be developing our gross motor skills through balancing and creating obstacle courses. We will also continue to develop our fine motor skills through using tweezers, different size crayons and paint brushes to create festival artwork as well as threading to create decorations.

**Maths:** We will be learning to:

- Name and sort 2d shapes
- Explore one more and one less of numbers up to 5.
- Create shape pictures using named shapes.
- Begin to look at 3d shapes and sort them.
- Measuring length and height using non-standard units of measure.

**Expressive Arts:** We will be learning to:

- Create firework pictures and models using a variety of materials.
- Explore musical instruments to create firework/celebration music.
- Learn songs that are often sung during times of celebration (carols/nativity songs)
- Create Rangoli patterns using coloured sand/rice/glitter to explore textures