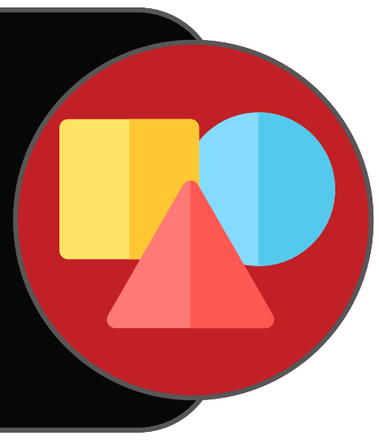
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Mathematics

We will develop our understanding of numbers to 5 through counting, comparing groups and exploring how numbers can be made in different ways. We will also name and describe 2D shapes and investigate weight using words such as heavy, light, heavier and lighter.





English

Our focus story will be The Gingerbread Man. We will retell and sequence the story, explore characters and build spoken sentences using Colourful Semantics. Alongside our Phase 2 phonics, we will practise blending sounds to read words, forming letters and using our sounds to write simple words and captions, including some festive writing.

Religious Education

Through Prophecy and Promise, we will explore the Annunciation, the journey to Bethlehem and the Nativity story. We will learn that Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for Jesus' birth, explore Judaism and consider how our gifts and talents can help others.





Understanding the World

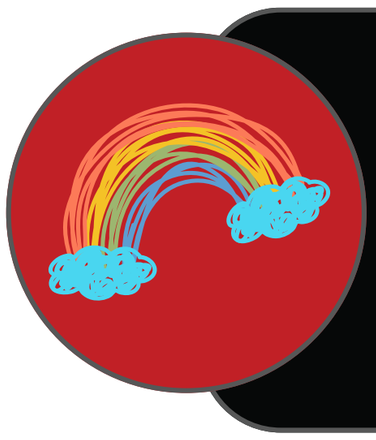
We will explore Bonfire Night, Remembrance, Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas, noticing how different families and communities celebrate. We will investigate light and materials, observe changes during cooking and learn more about our local community through our library visit.

Physical Development

We will practise balancing, running and stopping, changing direction, jumping and hopping, and travelling using equipment. Dough Disco and Musical Mapping will continue to strengthen the muscles and coordination needed for writing, alongside activities that develop control when drawing, forming letters and using tools.



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Expressive Arts & Design

We will learn songs and build confidence in singing, dancing and performing through our Nativity preparations. Through junk modelling and our Christmas craft morning, we will explore different materials and ways to join and combine them to create models and festive decorations. Baking and decorating gingerbread people will provide further opportunities to explore shape, texture and design and talk about our creations.

Personal Development

We will build confidence in making choices, trying new activities and persevering, alongside following routines, listening and taking turns. Our Ten Ten sessions will help us recognise and talk about feelings, understand growing and changing, approach new people and places, and explore Jesus as our role model.





Things to do at home

Enjoy some festive baking together—perhaps gingerbread people! Let your child help scoop, mix, roll and cut, talking about what they notice. Use words such as first, next, finally, heavier and lighter, count decorations and encourage them to explain how you made the biscuits to someone else.

Class Notices

We have lots to look forward to this half-term! Our cinema visit is on 12th November, and our library trip is on 19th November. Forest School sessions will take place on 27th October, 10th and 24th November, and 8th December. Please ensure children have warm outdoor clothing and wellies for these sessions.

