The Learning Challenge™
CURRICULUM

Parent Overview ~ Autumn Term 2 2026

Class: Pendle **Teacher: Mrs Swire**



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Building friendships and working cooperatively.
Understanding kindness, respect and inclusion.
Talking about feelings and emotions.
Developing confidence, resilience and independence.

Physical Development

Developing balance, coordination and movement.
Using large apparatus and outdoor equipment safely.
Fine motor activities, cutting and pencil control.
Dough Disco and funky fingers activities.

Communication and Language

Retelling familiar stories and nursery rhymes.
Listening carefully and following instructions.
Talking about story characters and events.
Learning new vocabulary linked to our theme.

Religious Education

In our topic, **How do Christians celebrate Jesus' birthday?** we will learn that: **Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. People celebrate Christmas in different ways, and some people do not celebrate it.**
We will also learn about **Diwali** and **Hanukkah** through stories, celebrations and traditions.

Mathematics

Counting reliably to 10 and beyond.
Recognising and ordering numerals to 10.
Comparing groups using more than, fewer than and equal to.
Exploring number bonds within 5.
Identifying and describing common 2D shapes.

Literacy

Drawing Club based on traditional tales and celebrations.
Storytelling, sequencing and character discussions.
Learning to blend sounds to read simple words.
Writing captions, labels and simple messages.

Expressive Arts and Design

Exploring colour, texture and different art techniques.
Creating artwork linked to stories and celebrations.
Singing nursery rhymes, songs and Christmas music.
Small world, role play and imaginative storytelling.
Dancing and responding to music.

Understanding the World

Bonfire Night, Diwali, Hanukkah, Remembrance Day and Christmas.
Traditional tales and nursery rhymes.
Similarities and differences between families and celebrations.
Exploring materials, light and seasonal changes.
Learning about special places and communities.

Music

Exploring rhythm, pulse and beat.
Learning nursery rhymes and festive songs.
Using percussion instruments.
Responding to music through movement and dance.

Core Texts





