



Reception Knowledge Organiser

Autumn 2

Let's Celebrate



BIRTHDAY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

What we already know...

We have birthday's to celebrate the date that we were born. We send cards, have parties and eat treats. At Christmas time we celebrate the day that Jesus was born.

By the end of the topic we will be able to (EYFS DM)

Understanding of the World:

Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate in lots of different ways.
Comment on images of familiar situations in the past.
Compare and contrast characters from stories including figures from the past.

Expressive Arts and Design:

Listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses.
Explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups.
Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.

Mathematics:

Count beyond 10.
Understand the 'one more than/one less than' relationship between consecutive numbers.
Select, rotate and manipulate shapes to develop spatial reasoning skills.
Compare length, weight and capacity.

Literacy:

Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of known letter-sound correspondences.
Read and few common exception words.
Form lower case letters correctly.
Read some special friends that each represent 1 sound.

Communication and Language:

Engage in story times.
Describe events in some detail.
Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding.
Use new vocabulary throughout the day.

Let's try this at home

Encourage children to get involved with any upcoming birthdays and preparation.

Have a birthday party for a favourite teddy/family pet and talk about why birthdays are special and bring lots of excitement.

Read stories about birthdays and watch short cartoons on YouTube that involve birthday celebrations.

Share the story of the first Christmas together and talk about the main reason we celebrate this special day-The birth of Jesus.

Hand make a special gift for someone for either Christmas or a birthday.



Topic Related Vocabulary

Celebration
Birthday
Party
Excitement
Culture
giving
Special
Waiting
Jesus
Nativity
Bethlehem
Shepherds
Wise Men
Angel
Stable
Gift
Receiving
Thankful

We will also generate a bank of new vocabulary as we experience the stories each week. We will explore new words in depth in a variety of ways including Wanda's word of the day.

See our fantastic Vocabulary builders for the wonderful words we learn and use!

We are going to read...

Kipper's Birthday by Mick Inkpen
Winnie's Birthday by Valerie Thomas
Charlie Crow in the Snow by Julia Donaldson
Christmas Magic by Melanie Joyce
Sam's Snowflake by Gillian Shields
The Nativity story.
How Do Dinosaurs say happy Birthday?
A Birthday Basket for Tia by Pat More

