

Read Write Inc.

We will look at letters above and the sounds they make. We will find objects that begin with those sounds. We will listen to Fred Frog so that we can hear the words he sounds out to us. (e.g. d-o-g = dog)
Rising 5's—please see QR codes on tapestry and the main Pebbles door.

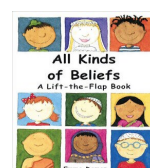
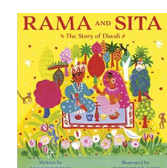


In this topic we will be thinking about:

- Events that we celebrate with our families.
- Events that are celebrated by different cultures.



Topic books - These are some of the books we will be reading, during this topic.



Understanding the World (UW)

People and Communities

We will:

- Explore different cultures, and their places of worship.
- Think about how we celebrate Christmas at home and compare our celebrations with those of other families and cultures.
- Show an interest in different occupations.

The World:

- Explore different cultures, including traditional dress and foods.
- Walk to the church in the afternoon of Monday 11th November, taking our poppies and laying them on the memorial.
- Take part in a welly walk around the school grounds; use our senses to explore.
- Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.
- Rising 5's trip to the Lighthouse theatre Poole 12th December -more details to follow



Helping your child at home:

Read bedtime stories **everyday**. It is the most valuable thing you can do for your child.

Talk to your child every day: about the things they have done at pre-school, what you are doing, and what will you be doing next.



The school virtue for this half term is **courage**
We will explore this during our circle times and in assemblies.



Key vocabulary:

		<u>PHSE:</u>	<u>Maths:</u>
Guy Fawkes	church	happy	in
fireworks	remembrance	sad	beside
costumes	poppies	worried	next too
utensils	soldiers	scared	on top
scales	important	excited	behind
materials	camera	anxious	more
Christmas	birthday	frustrated	less
Diwali			lots
Hanukkah			

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

Our topic for PHSE this half term is Rights and Responsibilities
We will be thinking about:

- Personal hygiene when cooking. Why do we wash our hands?.
- Our own safety when using cooking utensils
- Road safety when crossing roads.

Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)

We will:

- Explore different materials freely, in order to develop our ideas about how to use them and what to make.
- Make Remembrance poppies from card and buttons.
- Explore different textures when making Christmas cards and decorations
- Learn some Christmas songs and perform them.



Literacy (L)

During this topic, we will:

- Explore rhyming words; we will make up silly rhymes using our names.
- Visit the school library, choosing books to take home for bedtime.
- Look at logos of different shops and toys.
- Share stories about different celebrations and festivals.
- Write Birthday and Christmas cards for our friends and families and Christmas lists and letters to Santa.
- Read and follow instructions when making Christmas candles.



Mathematics (M)

We will:

- Learn to use positional language to describe everyday items e.g. in, beside, on top, behind.
- Explore the different sizes of utensils and ingredients. Measure ingredients, looking at the numbers that appear on the scales.
- Continue to count everything! (fingers, number of family members, items in the shop) and using the number names. Focus on numbers 1-5, counting objects and matching numerals.



Physical Development (PD)

We will:

- Practice putting on our own outdoor clothes e.g. hats, coats and wellington boots, doing up zips.
- During physical sessions, we will challenge our bodies, using gross motor skills on the climbing equipment focusing on our balancing skills.
- Learn to use a variety of utensils and tools for eating and cooking e.g. knives and forks, large spoons, rolling pins to make Christmas biscuits.



Communication and Language (CL)

We will:

- Listen to and follow verbal instructions, e.g. when going for a walk to the church or when following a recipe.
- Learn a selection of Christmas songs and perform them.
- Have fun, taking on different roles in our celebrations roleplay (inside) and Christmas grotto (outside)



How to get involved!

Join us on:- Wednesday 20th November at 5.30 pm for our **Books at Bedtime** session. More details to follow soon!

Christmas Jumper day/Christmas Fayre Friday 13th December

Pebbles Christmas Song Performance Wednesday 18th December doors open at 2pm for tea, coffee and mince pies with the performance to start at 2.30 pm.

