

Active Acorns

Autumn 2



Dear Parents,
Welcome back to the 2nd half of the autumn term.
We have had a super first week celebrating bonfire night and 'Diwali' the Hindu 'Festival of Lights' -



Our topic this half term is
'WE ARE YORKSHIRE'



French

We will be

- Exploring colours through reading french stories together
- Singing songs in French about colours
- Following instructions given in French to find something

Literacy

We will be...

- Reading Traditional Tales and alternative versions
- Reading the Christmas Story
- Stories from other cultures – 'Rama and Sita'
- Writing our own stories

At home:

Read some poems and traditional stories.
Keep practising key words

EYFS - Understanding the World Y1 – Science, Geography, History, RE

We will be...

- Looking at map- where are you from?
- Exploring and learning about different cultures including food tasting.
- Plotting on a world map where we and our families are from.
- Comparing Yorkshire to London – landscape and houses
- Exploring different religions such as Christianity (the nativity story) and Hinduism

At home:

Talk about routines and days of the week- what do you do before and after school?
Look at your family tree- where are your family from?
Look for differences in the scenery and buildings in the town and countryside

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be...

- Discussing special items you have brought in from home in show and tell
- Thinking about honesty and kindness
- Thinking about those people who are not as lucky as us at Christmas time

At home:

Encourage turn taking
Donate old unwanted toys to a local charity shop?

Maths

We will be...

- Working on addition and subtraction
- Continuing to work on number formation
- Using addition and subtraction in practical situations including money
- Looking at 3D shapes in the environment

At home:

Practice adding and taking away small quantities in real life
Encourage correct number formation

Physical

We will be...

- Learning dance routines from different cultures
- Ball and stick skills for hockey in PE
- House building in forest schools
- Continuing to work on our handwriting skills

At home:

Listen to and dance to music from around the world
Use small construction toys to help with fine motor skills
Practice correct letter formation

EYFS - Expressive Arts and Design Y1 Art Music and D & T

We will be...

- Developing our vocal and performance skills in preparation for the Christmas production.
- We will continue to work on keeping a beat and will explore how the music makes us feel.
- Exploring music and dance routines from different cultures
- Exploring local artist Robert Fuller
- Designing and making the houses and historic buildings.
- Designing and making Christmas decorations

At home:

Listen to the national anthems of different countries
Look at flags from around the world
Visit Robert Fuller's exhibition in Thixendale?



Reminders

- 19 Nov clubs finish
- 26 Nov School trip
- 3 Dec pm Xmas crafts
- 5 Dec Advent Fair
- 14 Dec Xmas Production

Communication and language

We will be...

- Re-telling traditional stories
- Developing our speaking and listening skill through 'show and tell' time
- Working on narrative language.

At home:

Listen to traditional stories and notice similarities in how they are written
Take part in role play
Select interesting things that interest you to talk about at show and tell time

We will be continuing with forest schools on Monday afternoons.

We have enough all in one suits for the children to wear over their uniform and coat but please ensure they have a hat gloves and boots

