Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- We will continue to learn about and use the Zones of Regulation to talk about our feelings and how we can manage them.
- We will continue learning about our St Luke's Heart values and the ways we can show these values every day.
- We will be developing working together with our friends.

Literacy

- We will be retelling familiar stories in our own words.
- We will be using our phonic knowledge to write simple words, phrases and captions.
- We will be practising writing our names with correct letter formation.
- We will read decodable phonics books at the children's level to develop independent reading.
- We will continue learning new sounds to build our phonic knowledge.

Our Core Texts

- The Story of Rama and Sita
- Kipper's Birthday
- Little Princess: I Want a Party!
- Guru Nanak's Birthday
- Non-fiction celebration texts
- The Nativity Story
- Christmas books

Physical Development

- We will be developing our scissor skills, cutting straight lines and zigzags.
- We will be practising forming our letters correctly using the Read Write Inc. rhymes.
- We will be using the tripod grip to hold our pencils: nip it, flip it, grip it!
- We will be building strong fingers with Dough Disco and Finger Gym.
- We will be exploring different ways of travelling and balancing.

This term our topic is:

Celebrations!



Mathematics

- We will be looking at arrangements of numbers within 5 and different ways to show quantities using our fingers.
- We will be developing counting skills and comparing sets of objects.
- We will be looking at 4 sided shapes and words related to time (before, after, next).

Communication & Language

- We will be learning rhymes, stories and songs, including songs for our celebrations.
- We will be joining in with retelling familiar stories and answering how and why questions.

Understanding the World

- We will be learning about how people celebrate special times, including Diwali, Guru Nanak's birthday and Christmas.
- We will be talking about tradition, culture and diversity, and the similarities and differences between the ways we celebrate.
- We will be looking at the changes that Autumn brings and spotting the signs of Autumn.
- We will be talking about similarities and differences between the past and now.
- We will be looking at changes and discussing our observations when baking.

Expressive Arts & Design

- We will be learning our Nativity play and songs and acting out scenes.
- We will be creating decorations, rangoli patterns and props for our celebrations role play.
- We will be talking about colour and using it for a purpose.

Key vocabulary: celebration, festival, tradition, culture, difference, diversity, Christmas, nativity, Diwali, rangoli, henna