

# Half Term Curriculum Overview



F2 – Autumn 2 – ‘Starry Night’

## Literacy

**Word Reading:** We will continue to learn new letters and sounds. We will focus on orally hearing all the sounds in simple words, and then practise blending the sounds together to read the whole word. New sight words will also be introduced as we work on consolidating our recognition.

**Writing:** We will be continuing to develop confidence in mark making, still focusing on writing our name and sounds relating to our phonics learning. We will begin to write short words, hearing and writing up to 3 sounds.

**Comprehension:** As we get to know each of our focus texts we will begin to act them out and retell them using a variety of activities such as images, role play and small world play.

## Mathematics

**Number:** We will continue to develop our skills with counting to 10. We will look closely at the numbers 1-5, finding representations of these in the environment and using marks to represent them. We will be focusing on the skill of subitising; knowing how many of something there is without counting.

**Numerical Patterns:** During the half term, we will learn about different shapes. We will learn to name different 2D shapes and describe their properties including how many corners and edges they have. We will talk about shapes we see in our environment and what we notice about them, using our comparison skills from Autumn 1 to compare their size, colour and quantity.

## Physical Development

**Gross and fine motor skills:** In PE we will continue to explore moving in different ways using music from different festivals and celebrations. We will continue to use the jungle gym to develop our climbing skills as well as negotiating space and obstacles. Our gross motor skills will support the development of our fine motor skills and our writing! We will develop our fine motor skills by taking part in ‘dough disco’ to strengthen our muscles ready for writing. To support this, we will be practicing to hold writing equipment with 3 fingers. We will continue to use our finger gym activities during our independent learning time to strengthen our fine motor muscles.

## Homework

It is essential that your child completes all homework set. This will include:

- Read at least 4 times a week with your child (please record in their reading diary)
- Practice recognising and writing own name

# Understanding the World

**People, culture and communities:** We will be getting to know lots about different religions through exploring different festivals that happen during the winter months. We will explore Diwali (Hinduism and Sikhism) and Christmas (Christianity) as our main two festivals. We will learn how these festivals are celebrated in different ways.

**The Natural World:** We will continue to spend lots of time outside, exploring the natural resources around us and observing the changes in weather and seasons.

**Past and present:** We will spend time looking at how the festivals of Diwali and Christmas have been celebrated for a very long time! We will continue developing our understanding of the past by talking about the ways we have celebrated in the past and how others have celebrated

## Expressive Art and Design

**Creating with materials:** We will be creating our own representations of Diwali art including making Mehndi hand patterns and Rangoli patterns. We will use different media to achieve different textures on a large scale outdoors and smaller scale indoors. We will also create decorations for autumn, winter/Christmas and the Nativity and take part in firework artwork activities.

**Being Imaginative:** We will be exploring music used in different celebrations, discussing our favourites and recreating it using instruments and body percussion. We will act out the Diwali and Christmas stories using props and books, using our core texts to drive this in our independent play.

## Growth Mindset

Charlie the Curiosity star

## British Values

This half term we will electing our school council members, anti-bullying advocates and eco-team leaders – focusing on the British Value of Democracy.

## Special Events

We look forward to a visit from White Post Farm!

We also look forward to inviting you to our next 'F2 Reading Mornings'.

Christmas Nativity show!

### Class Blogs

Visit our class blog to: read the latest news, look at photo slideshows and find out more about what we have been learning.

F2 – Star Dust

- <https://fnastardustf2.blogspot.com/>

F2 – Starlight

- <https://fnastarlightf2.blogspot.com/>

We will also be using Tapestry to share pictures and messages of our learning journey.