

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Celebrating differences
- Identifying own emotions.
- Sharing with others
- Continuing to develop independence

### Communication and Language

- Responds to questions
- Follows 2 part instructions
- Recalls past events and listens to others

### Physical Development

- Developing correct letter formation.
- Continue to develop general body strength.
- Explore, gain confidence and challenge themselves using large apparatus

### Expressive Arts and Design

- Learning new songs
- Performing to an audience.
- Explore colour mixing
- Van Gogh- The Starry Night

### Our theme is

## **Let's Celebrate**

We will find out about celebrations such as Diwali and Christmas. We will explore light, dark and space.

### Understanding the World

- Exploring some historic events.
- Explore different festivals and know that people celebrate different things.

### English

- Phonics – Continue with Animaphonics scheme with phase 3 phonemes
- Segmenting words into separate sounds and blending to read words
- Reading CVC (consonant/vowel/consonant) words
- Listening to and retelling stories.
- 1:1 reading of phonemes, words and simple texts
- Shared writing for a purpose e.g. writing invitations, lists, cards,
- Listening to and retelling well known stories

### Maths

- Subitising: to recognise quantities without having to count them.
- Composition of number to 5
- Begin to represent number and use mathematical signs.
- To know some number bonds.

We will go outside as much as possible in all weathers, so please make sure that the children have appropriate clothing for the weather.

Please make sure your child has a named water bottle. We will refill it in school when needed.

**Please, Please, Please**  
make sure **all** your children's belongings are clearly labelled.

Please read with your child at least 3 times a week and record this in their reading record

Reception will have PE on Mondays. Please make sure all earrings are taken out or covered. Please encourage your child to gain independence when dressing at home. This really important skill and helps them when they come to change for PE.

**Information and ideas to support learning at home.**

The children will be taking part in a Christmas Performance. Your child may shortly bring home some lines to learn. Please support them by helping them to learn their lines. All costumes will be provided by the school.

**Go on a sound hunt. Can you spot the sounds we have been learning?**

Week 8 –y, z, qu, ch

week 12 – ear, ow, ur, oi

Week 9 – sh, th, ng

week 13 – air, ure, er, ue

Week 10 – ee, ar, oa, or

Week 11 – oo, ai, igh

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch. You can always catch me at the door after school, send me an email [karen.claridge@panshanger.herts.sch.uk](mailto:karen.claridge@panshanger.herts.sch.uk) or contact me on Tapestry. If it is something urgent please phone the office who can then get a message to me.