



**High Street Community Primary School  
Reception Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term  
"All About Me & Let's Celebrate"**

**Whole School Links: Sense of Pride /Local/National/International**

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

We will focus on:

- Settling in our new classroom
- Making new friends
- Learning new routines and rules
- Looking after our own belongings
- Developing our confidence to try new activities
- Taking turns
- Following instructions
- Choosing resources independently



**Understanding the World**

We will be:

- Talking about our families and people who are special to us.
- Learning about harvest
- Observing seasonal changes
- Learning about bonfire night and keeping safe
- Learning about Divali - Hindu festival of light
- Sharing the Christmas Story and learning about its importance to Christians.
- Baking lots of yummy treats to take home



**Maths**

We will be:

- Learning and singing number songs and rhymes counting forward and backwards
- Developing an in depth understanding of the numbers 1 - 5
- Using Numberblocks to support our understanding of number
- Using comparative language to compare objects and living things e.g. smaller, longer, shorter etc.
- Using positional language e.g. next to, behind, under



**Literacy**

We will be:

- Sharing stories and rhymes
- Learning new nursery rhymes
- Learning that text carries meaning
- Making marks and ascribing meaning to the marks we make
- Beginning to write our own names in rice, gloop, shaving foam and lots of other fun messy things!



**Autumn Term 1 & 2**

**All About Me and Let's Celebrate**

**Communication & Language**

- Listening to stories and answering simple questions about what they have heard
- Phase 1 phonics to develop phonological awareness of everyday sounds
- Learn new words

Key vocabulary linked to key stories and rhymes: pale of water, tumbling, trot, tuffet, enormous, gigantic, huge, massive, frightened, terrified, petrified, celebration, festival, escaped,

**Expressive Arts and Design**

We will be:

- Creating pictures using a range of materials and textures.
- Acting out rhymes and stories using pictures, prompts and puppets to retell stories
- Using the emotion puppets and pictures to express feelings.



**Physical Development**

We will be working towards:

- Moving freely using suitable space and speed
- Drawing lines and circles using messy play, pencils, paint and chalks
- Developing gross and fine motor skills
- Understanding our own needs (hunger/toilet/personal hygiene)
- Putting coats on independently
- Recognising that equipment needs to be used safely



**Key Stories/Rhymes**

Old Mother Hubbard  
Little Miss Muffet  
Jack and Jill  
Wee Willie Winkie  
Humpty Dumpty  
The Enormous Watermelon  
The Gingerbread Man

