

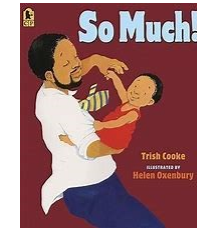


# Let's Celebrate

Reception

Autumn 2 2023

The focus of this half term is 'Let's Celebrate'  
Our core texts will be 'So Much' by Trish Cooke  
and 'Stickman' by Julia Donaldson.



## Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This half term, we will continue to focus on embedding the rules and routines from last term. We will be developing our ability to share with others when interacting with our friends, both during free flow and group learning. We will be thinking about what we celebrate and who we enjoy sharing special times with.



## Physical Development

As the weather starts to get colder, we will be exploring lots of ways to keep ourselves warm whilst outside. We will continue to use a wide range of large equipment. We will be thinking about how we move around and use equipment safely and respectfully. We will also be continuing to develop our fine motor skills with activities such as threading, using tweezers and using different writing tools.



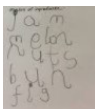
## Communication & Language

Listening and attention will continue to be a big focus of this half term. We will be sharing the focus books as well as others and encouraging children to have a go at retelling the stories. We will also be exploring key vocabulary from the stories, looking at word meaning and how to use these words.



## Literacy

We will be exploring two key books this term, and we will use these books to support us with our reading and writing. Once we know these stories really well, we will practise acting them out. We will use our phonic knowledge to play word building games and write simple lists or phrases. The children will be having guided reading sessions in small groups.



## Maths

This half term, we will be focusing in on number and building up our understanding of what number really means. First, we will explore numbers 1 to 5. This will include looking at different ways to represent the same number, subitising, comparing numbers and number bonds. We will also be introducing new mathematical vocabulary and resources.



## Understanding the World

Our main focus this term will be centred around 'celebrations'. We will learn about different celebrations and share times we enjoy celebrating. We will be discussing being together with friends and family at these times. As the seasons change, we will have plenty of opportunities to explore what we see and why some changes occur. This will also give us the opportunity to talk about weather and seasons.



## Expressive Arts & Design

There will be lots of opportunities for us to express our creative sides this term. We will have a go at making our own stick people and exploring textures and using the matching vocabulary. We will also use natural materials to bring the Stickman story to life and use this in our role play. In dance, we will be exploring the theme of Celebrations by introducing body actions, shapes through creative movement.

