

Communication and Language

Diwali curiosity cube and investigation—what question do these artefacts make you want to ask?

Talk about their past birthdays, how they celebrated them

Pretending to be witches and wizards making our own spells and magic words.

Role play grocery shop (Harvest)

Act out the story of Room on the Broom with the story puppets.

Army/Remembrance resources is Curiosity Cube—dress up in 'army clothes'. Roles of a soldier—being brave.

Talk about my past birthdays—looking at pictures of my parties, cakes and balloons I had.

Retell the story of the Stick Man—whilst making their own Stick Man.

Understanding the World

Make a scarecrow—children to stuff and create their own class scarecrow.

Potion making

Remembrance curiosity cube and investigation table, discussions of the past and why it is an important time.

Diwali - who celebrates Diwali, make comparisons with other celebrations and religions.—special guest to talk about how Diwali is celebrated.

Our own Bonfire experience—watching a firework display, bonfire, toasting marshmallows, changing state melting chocolate for sparkler breadsticks.

Kippers birthday, looking at pictures of our past birthdays, talk about how we celebrate our birthdays, Kipper's birthday party, children to plan and throw their own party for Kipper.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Remembrance 'Being Brave', challenges,

World Kindness Day, make friendship bracelets

Harvest festival assembly giving to charity

I am thankful for...

Talk about my birthday—celebrate being 5! (Kipper's Birthday Party)

Being brave—Remembrance Day—The Lion inside story.

Friendships—Getting on and falling out.

Literacy

Texts and Books:

The Scarecrows Wedding

Room on the Broom

The Enormous Turnip

Kipper's Birthday

Stick Man

Christopher Pumpkin

Hurry Up Birthday

The Lion inside.

Writing

Drawing our own harvest baskets

Magic potion writing

Firework display pictures

Birthday cards, invitations and lists for a party

I am thankful for... (Harvest RE)

Bonfire Night shopping list.

Kipper's birthday cards

Party Invitations

Party shopping lists.



Reception Unit

Festivals and Celebrations

(Harvest, Diwali, Halloween, Bonfire Night, Remembrance, Birthdays)



Expressive Arts and Design

Music/ Songs: What's your favourite thing about Autumn

Wear your poppy today—learn and perform

5 Little Pumpkins

Split pin scarecrows

Water paintings—observational drawings of pumpkins.

Clay diva lamps/ Rice Rangoli patterns.

Bonfire Scene with cotton buds.

Making own party hats

Remembrance Wreath—cupcake bun cases/ scrunching technique—large tissue paper poppy.

Transitional art—bonfire night and remembrance

Design and make our own party hat.

Kandinsky Art—gummy shapes

Physical Development

Sewing remembrance poppies (Binca fabric and thread)

Rangoli gem patterns and buttons

Pumpkins and elastic bands

Wrapping wool around the shape leaves

Wizard hats and magic wands

Diva lamps in the playdough

Firework painting and chalking

Party games—musical statues/pass the parcel.

Cutting skills—design your own card for Kipper.

Make your own stickman.

Mathematics

Counting objects into cauldrons.

Matching numeral to quantity on rockets

Ordering poppy numbers 1-5 then 1-10

Comparison of size and weight using pumpkins

Capacity using potion bottles

5 Little pumpkins song

Making playdough cakes with numbers and candles.

Talking about how old I am and how old I am going to be next.

Pumpkin buckets in the water—how many eye-balls fit in the bucket.

Counting candles on birthday cakes.

Ordering numbers on poppies (1-10) and matching numerals to quantity.