Our theme this term is: Fighting Fit & Festivals

Our learning this term will be focused around our theme fighting fit and festivals. We are going to focus on keeping fit, healthy and safe. We will also cover Road Safety and festivals such as Diwali and Christmas, and of course we will be working hard on our Nativity performance.

**Literacy**

We will begin by looking at instructions where we will have fun looking at playground games and rules and working towards making up our own fun playground game. We will then focus on some poetry and study the book rain before rainbows this is a lovely text with wonderful messages throughout. Finally, we will look at Twisted Tales and some story writing around Hansel and Gretel. The EYFS children will look at: Owl Babies, Laura’s Star, Whatever Next and Can’t You Sleep Little Bear. We will all be writing Christmas letters and sending Christmas cards.

**Numeracy**

We will be covering addition and subtraction, length and data handing, money, problem solving and multiplication and division. We will incorporate light and dark where ever we can. For example, we will measure Christmas cards and our data handling task will involve our Christmas wish lists.

**Science**

There is much Science this half term, the children will be looking at what we need to keep fit and healthy. We will be focusing on food, water, exercise, keeping healthy and clean and of course well being. We will be carrying out lots of research and experiments over the coming weeks

**Art**

The children will begin by doing firework and Diwali art for the first two weeks as this coincides with Bonfire night and the festival of Diwali. Then we will investigate the graffiti artist Keith Haring. This art is all about people making different body shapes, it is fun and colourful and I am sure the children will enjoy working on a collaborative bright mural. We will also have the opportunity to make decorations and enjoy some Christmas art and work on our Christmas cards and presents.

**Physical Education and Physical Development**

The children will be covering dance in one of the lessons and the other will focus on ball skills leading to invasion games.

**Humanities**

The children will be thinking about many aspects of safety. For example, safety in the home, being safe in school and out and about, on line safety and road safety. There will be lots of role play sessions to teach the children on how to cross roads safely.

**RE**

We will look in detail at good news and relating good news to the birth of Jesus. We will then look at the joy of gift giving and we are going to have a Diwali day in School on Monday 13th of November

**Music**

Our music this half term will be working on the songs for the Christmas Play, We have chosen a play that suits the small class size this year and the songs are all fun I am sure you will all enjoy seeing the performance later in the term.

**Role Play & Small World**

The role play area will be a space station with astronaut outfits. Then the other areas will be rotated week one will be a firework themed tuff tray and then the following few weeks will be a woodland themed tuff tray to fit in with looking at nocturnal animals and then Christmas themed activities until the end of term. I am sure the children will find all of these areas lots of fun.

**PSHE**

We are concentrating this half term on a unit called growing and changing this fits in very well with the Science topic fighting fit and looks at being healthy to be our best it also covers cooperation and team work.

***Things to remember***

* Water bottles
* Keep your reading books in your child’s bag
* Spellings are on Thursday for Year 1 and 2
* Your PE kits need to be in School and please label all items

***Things to bring in***

* Any books/items linked to out learning this term

**Thank you for your continued support. Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions regarding our learning this term or would like to ask about your child’s individual targets.**

**Mrs Taylor & Mrs Broadley**