FS2 Autumn Term 2 2026

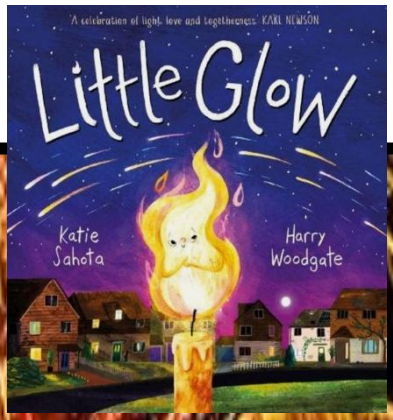
Miss Barker and Mrs Keightley



This half term, we will be learning about festivals of light, from Bonfire Night to Diwali to Christmas. We will understand the reasons for celebrating these festivals and recognise the special differences between them all. We will be exploring lots of lovely texts which will include Little Glow and The Christmas Pine.

Personal, Social and Emotional

- Jigsaw - Celebrating Difference.
- We will build on friendships and continue to develop sharing, turn taking and good listening skills with our friends.
- Name and explore feelings and emotions and learn strategies to self-regulate our emotions when upset or angry.



Communication and Language

- Listen to and join in with rhymes and stories (non-fiction and familiar stories).
- Ask questions and respond to others to gain more information and continue dialogue.
- Talk about ourselves and express interests and share experiences.
- Continue to learn and use new vocabulary through the day in discussions and conversations.

Physical

- Continue to develop a strong tripod pencil grip.
- Use scissors and other tools to make changes to materials.
- Develop rhythm and movement.
- Use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor.
- Develop confidence and accuracy when engaging in activities that involve a ball.

Maths

- Identifying, naming and comparing circles, triangles and shapes with four sides.
- Representing, comparing and composition of numbers to 5.
- Finding one more and one less.
- Using positional language.
- Begin to distinguish and talk about the difference between the key events in their daily routine.

Handwriting

Now that we have learnt our Set 1 sounds, we will begin daily handwriting sessions. We will start with fun gross and fine motor warm-up exercises before working our way through the letter families. We will be working hard to develop a strong and effective pencil grip.

Reading and Phonics

We will continue to confidently recognise our Set 1 sounds and use them to read simple words. We will practise blending sounds together to help us read and begin to enjoy simple books independently.

Understanding the World

- Light and dark exploration- using torches to investigate transparent and non-transparent materials.
- Explore the current season and talk about changes.
- Learn about a range of festivals and celebrations and recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.
- Preparation for traditional family celebrations at Christmas time.
- RE - Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?

Expressive Arts and Design

- We will learn a range of techniques and explore colour mixing.
- We will use clay to create our own Diva lamps.
- Use simple percussion to tap rhythms and beats.
- Express ourselves through dance and movement to music.
- Create Christmas crafts with different media and materials.