



## Reception Autumn 2 – My Community

### Topic Overview

In Autumn 2, the children will begin to learn about where they live. This introductory topic will allow the children to explore their local area through photos, maps and sharing their own experiences. We will then progress to look at London City and the country of England. We will compare England to Africa through the Handa's Surprise story and explore African music and fruits. We will also look at celebrations in our local community including fireworks, Diwali and Christmas.

### Big Bang

After learning about celebrations, we will be creating our own Christmas celebration at the end of term. The children will be involved in planning the celebration, from writing shopping lists to creating decorations and preparing treats. The celebration will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. The children can come to school dressed for our wonderful celebration!

### Our Learning Overview

<b>My Community</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>	In Maths, we will continue to explore pattern and shape and numbers up to 6. We will use a range of activities and resources to become familiar with early mathematical experiences and use daily Maths Meetings to learn the days of the week, months of the year, seasons, shape, pattern and early number.
	<b>Literacy</b>	In literacy, we will use a range of key texts to introduce our topic, through the use of Talk4Writing. The children will use a story map and actions to retell stories confidently. The children will begin to read and write CVC words through our Little Wandle Phonics Programme.
	<b>Understanding the World</b>	We will begin by looking at our own local area and drawing maps of our route to school. We will then look further out at London and then into Africa. We will look at similarities and differences between our environments and others. We will also look at the seasons of Autumn and Winter and learn about various celebrations.
	<b>PSED</b>	We will continue to focus on our emotions through the colour monsters and share these feelings during circle times. We will also be focusing on 'Kindness' as one of our key values. We will introduce our kindness superheroes and how we can be kind to our local area.
	<b>Communication and Language</b>	We will learn to communicate effectively with our peers and teachers. Through lots of story telling, class discussions, games and circle time activities, we will build confidence when speaking in a group and learn how to share our ideas with others and listen to our friends.
	<b>Expressive Art and Design</b>	In expressive arts we will look at African music and explore instruments. We will also compare clothing and make some African patterns and pictures. We will also be building our local community with various building materials. We will be putting on a fantastic Nativity performance for all our families to see too!
	<b>Physical Development</b>	In physical development, we will continue to build on our fine motor skills through our funky finger provision and beginning 'Dough Disco.' We will start PE sessions which will begin with a focus on gymnastics. We will learn different types of rolls and jumps.

### Key Texts

