#### **Mathematics**

In our Maths lessons, we will be focus on the White Rose maths mastery unit, Light and Dark. We will learn about the numbers four and five and look at four-sided 2D shapes. We will explore 'one more' and 'one less'.

We will be talking about daytime and nighttime, looking at calendars and counting down to special dates.

We will be constructing rockets from 3D shapes including cones and cylinders.

We will discover symmetry, tessellation and reflection through exploration of Rangoli patterns.

We will explore counting and ordinal numbers using the song 'The Twelve Day of Christmas'.

#### Literacy

In our English lessons, we will share the story of Rama and Sita and retell it through drama and roleplay.

We will read firework poetry and explore writing onomatopoeic words such as 'whizz', 'pop' and 'bang', using the sounds we are learning in phonics.

We will look at the story of Kipper's Birthday and explore writing birthday cards and gift-tags.

We will talk about playscripts and act out the Nativity story.

#### **Physical Development**

In our PE lessons we will learn gymnastics and games skills.

We will be using our fine-motor skills to make paper chains and wrap presents using scissors and tape.

# Celebrations & Special Times

Owl Class Autumn Term

### Understanding the World

We will be talking about the weather and the seasonal change from autumn to winter and investigating insulating materials. We will be exploring light, colour and shadows using torches and shadow puppets.

We will learn about the traditional customs connected to the Hindu Festival of Light, Diwali.

We will talk about special days, including Remembrance Day and birthdays. We will think about why Christmas Day is special for Christians.

#### **Expressive Art & Design**

This term in Art, we will be mixing colours with paint and using a printing technique to create firework pictures.

We will mould and decorate our own Diwali Diva Lamp from clay and use salt dough to create our own Christmas decorations.

In Music, we will be exploring dance and movement to Indian music. In the runup to Christmas, we will be learning to sing a variety of Christmas carols.

## Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This term, we will be talking about fire safety.

We will discuss secrets and surprises and when they are okay.

We will talk about gratitude, what is special to us and our special memories.

#### **Communication & Language**

We will be talking about special events and special times using past and future tenses.

We will listen to the ideas of others and share our own ideas.