Sparkle and shine

Cygnus Class Autumn Term 2 2026



In the Sparkle and Shine project, your child will explore different celebrations that take place in autumn and winter, focusing on the significance and symbolism of light at this time of year. They will take part in a variety of creative activities and discover more about how Christmas, Diwali, Eid and Hanukkah are celebrated around the world.

Areas of learning: Understanding the World	
Memorable experience	Mystery sparkle box
Innovate challenge	Making tealight holders / diyas
Communication and language	Listening: attention and understanding: Speaking
Physical development	Gross motor skills: Fine motor skills
Personal, social and emotional development	Self-regulation: Managing self: Building relationships
Literacy	Comprehension: Writing
Mathematics	Number: Numerical patterns
Understanding the world	Religions, cultures and festivals – Remembrance Day, Birthdays, Lunar New Year, Eid, Ramadan, Hanukkah, Diwali, Christmas. Food tasting.
Expressive arts and design	Creating with materials including paint, clay, felt, tissue paper, cardboard, junk modelling and decoupage. Making Rangolis, menorahs, poppies, prayer mats. Being imaginative and expressive; role play Rama and Sita, nativity

Supporting your child at home

- Talk about special events that you celebrate at home.
- Share photos of events that you celebrate.
- Talk about how you prepare for special celebrations including the clothes you wear, food you prepare and gifts you give or receive.
- Explore some different festivals from around the world.