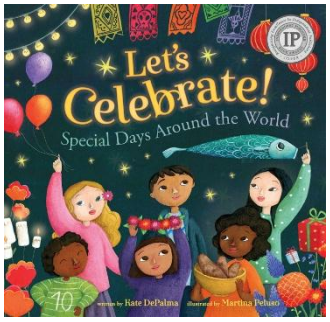
Let's Celebrate

Reception Dublin Class
Autumn Two Term 2026



Key Areas of Learning

As communicators, the children will develop their listening and communication skills by following instructions, answering questions, learning new vocabulary and sharing their ideas. Through stories, rhymes and songs, they will build understanding, practise speaking in sentences and begin to retell familiar stories in their own words.
As physically active people, the children will develop their physical skills through a range of active play opportunities, including running, jumping, hopping, skipping and climbing. They will build strength, balance, coordination and control, while developing their fine motor skills and learning to use tools safely and confidently.
As sociable humans, the children will develop their confidence, independence and friendships. They will learn to recognise and talk about their feelings, consider others and begin to solve conflicts. We will encourage resilience, perseverance and positive relationships, while developing an understanding of how to keep themselves healthy and safe through good hygiene, healthy eating, exercise and daily routines.

Literacy

As writers, we are learning to write our names correctly, recognise and form lower-case letters, hear initial sounds and use our phonics knowledge to write sounds in words. We are also beginning to write simple labels using the letters and sounds we know.

As readers, we are learning to retell familiar stories in our own words, using new vocabulary and talking about the characters and events. We are also learning to recognise letters and say the sounds they make, then blend these sounds together to read simple words using the phonics we have learned.

Mathematics

As mathematicians, we are learning to count objects accurately to 6, recognise and order numbers 1–6, and understand one more, one fewer and zero. We will explore how numbers stay the same when objects are rearranged, as well as begin to use addition and subtraction to solve simple problems.

We will compare and describe length, weight and capacity using mathematical language such as longer, shorter, heavier, lighter, full and empty. We will also explore and sort 3D shapes, describe their properties and use positional language to explain where objects are.

Understanding the World

We are learning to explore special celebrations, including Diwali and Christmas, discovering why they are important, their traditions and how families celebrate. We will compare similarities and differences through stories, pictures and practical activities. We will also explore the natural world by observing the weather, plants, animals and seasonal changes. We will investigate natural materials, notice changes such as ice melting and explore different environments, including gardens, parks and woodlands, developing our skills by looking closely and talking about what we discover.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will learn to express our creativity through drawing, painting, colour mixing and exploring different materials and techniques. We will develop our artwork by adding detail, exploring colour, texture and shape, and talking about our creations. We will also use our imagination through pretend play, small world activities and creating our own stories. Through music, songs, nursery rhymes and dance, we will explore different sounds, express our feelings and develop confidence in performing and making music.

Physical Development

We are learning to develop our physical skills by running, jumping, hopping, climbing and balancing. We are building our strength, coordination and control, as well as improving our fine motor skills to use tools confidently and safely.

Personal Development

Jigsaw Puzzle Piece: Celebrating Differences
We are learning to explore how people can be similar and different, reflecting on our own similarities and differences while learning to include others, use kind words and recognise what makes me special.

Experiences

Life on the farm.

Whole School Events and Themes

24/11 and 26/11- Teacher Parent Meetings
27/11- PTA Karaoke Event
07/12- Visiting Theatre: Aladdin
08/12- PTA: YR-Y3 Christmas Cinema
10/12- PTA: Y4-Y6 Christmas Cinema
11/12- PTA- Christmas Fair *School finishes at 3pm*
17/12- Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
18/12- Christmas Class Parties * School finishes at 1.30pm *
Autumn School Clubs Start- Ends- WB 07/12

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