This Week's Learning

Week Commencing Monday 16th November 2026

Messages	Hello! It was so lovely to sit down with you all at parents evening, we are having such a fantastic term so far and I am consistently blown away with how well the children have settled and how well they're getting on. This week we are learning all about the Mexican festival Dia de los Muertos, also known as the Day of the Dead festival! A huge well done to our star pupils last week: Archie and Jimmy! 
Maths	This week, the children will build on their understanding of the composition of numbers by investigating the composition of 3, 4 and 5. Composing and de-composing numbers involves the children investigating part–part–whole relations, e.g. seeing that 3 can be composed of 1 and 2. Through practical experience, they will consolidate their understanding of a whole being made up of smaller parts. They will begin to recognise that numbers can be made by combining parts in different ways. A key focus will be the spatial arrangements that can be made with different combinations of the same number of objects.
Phonics	This week we will continue to consolidate our learning of the Phase 2 sounds so far.
RSHE	This term our topic in RSHE is 'Celebrating Difference'. This week we are focusing on families and how all families are special and unique!
Child initiated	This week in child initiated we will be doing activities related to Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead), this is a Mexican festival that celebrated the remembering of loved ones that have passed away. We will be teaching this in a very child-friendly way and feel it ties in well with this term's theme 'Sparkle and Shine' and will broaden the children's knowledge of the many celebrations and festivals that happen at this time of year around the world.
Book of the Week	Our book this week is called Gustavo the Shy Ghost by Flavia Z. Drago. The book is set during the Dia De Los Muertos celebrations, Gustavo is a ghost, a very shy ghost and he wants to desperately get to know the other monsters, so he tries hiding near them hoping they will notice him. But when the monsters still don't see him Gustavo has an idea, he'll invite them all to his violin concert, but will any of them turn up? 