

Expressive Arts & Design

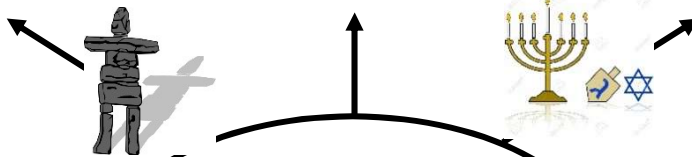
To celebrate the Hindu festival of Diwali, 4th November, we will make clay Diya lamps and our own Diwali garlands using our fine motor skills. We will create firework pictures to celebrate Bonfire Night. For Remembrance Day we will make poppies and place them in our prayer area for the soldiers who were so brave. Children will continue to explore all the elements of Autumn through our Autumn discovery area – we will add to this the things we have collected on our adventures. As the term progresses this area will convert into a frozen world and then – Christmas Wonderland where the children’s imaginations can run wild. Children will have lots of opportunities to explore and combine different materials and techniques to create fabulous things related to our topics, both inside and outside, such as leaf hedgehogs, finger print Autumn trees, Christmas tree decorations, penguins etc. We will also enjoy cooking potato latkes to celebrate Hanukkah and baking some Christmas treats. Our nursery children will also be performing a Christmas Nativity.



Literacy

Children will have access to a variety of books to read and mark-making opportunities across all the different areas of our Nursery such as mark-making in glittery flour, using a range of equipment to create marks in soap flakes and we will start to practise our names. The children will use catalogues to cut out pictures, stick and write a wish list to post to Santa. We will practice our “side to side” movements in squiggle whilst you wiggle sessions.

Key Texts for our new topic: Stickman, The Dinosaur that Poop Christmas, Lost and Found, etc. plus some non-fiction books.



Religious Education

Our RE topics are: **Birthdays, Advent and Christmas.** For this we will learn and discover what a birthday is and how it may be celebrated. We will learn that **Advent** is the time when people get ready for the birthday of Jesus at **Christmas** and learn more about the nativity story.



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

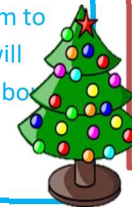
For Remembrance we will discuss why this day is special – we say thank you to the soldiers.

We will talk about Christmas and what it means to each of us and discuss the ‘Christmas Spirit’ – love and kindness, joy and goodwill. What do we like about the different seasons? How can we help animals now the weather is getting colder? Children will also be learning to listen to each other and celebrate each other’s uniqueness and skills. They will be working on emotions and feelings and will work cooperatively and develop their confidence when practicing and performing our class nativity.



Mathematics

We will continue with counting to 5 and representing numbers to 5 on fingers and with numicon. Number recognition will be on-going across all topics and our daily singing will include songs which involve counting. Focusing on counting to 5 and counting backwards from 5 we will compare quantities and talk about who has more/fewer. To help us we will use objects related to our topics such as sticks, leaves, baubles, Christmas trees etc. Using them to measure and make shapes, patterns and count. We will count the 8 candles on the Menorah when we learn about Hanukkah. The children will also have a class advent calendar as we count down to Christmas.



Physical Development

Children will have weekly PE sessions in the school hall where we will be focusing on ball skills, throwing and catching. The children will be encouraged to observe the changes in their bodies when experiencing cold and wet objects. To help us develop our fine motor skills so that we can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently we will have squiggle while you wiggle sessions focusing on movements side to side. We will collect leaves, conkers etc. to place on our Autumn interest table. Over the next term, children will continue to be given lots of opportunities to practise developing their fine and gross motor skills through lots of activities such as, making decorations, wrapping Christmas presents, creating poppies, fireworks, Diwali Garlands and Diya lamps – the list goes on! We will use various construction materials to build igloos and habitats for the Arctic animals.



Communication & Language

Children will continue to be given lots of opportunities on a daily basis for developing their language through play. They will talk about what they are doing and will use lots of language during their imaginative play with peers and adults. Our new topics will allow for lots of discussion about changes in the environment as we progress into Winter and begin festivities. Children will be introduced to new vocabulary weekly as we learn more about our celebrations and topics. We will also continue to take part in daily phonics sessions which are aimed at developing our listening and communication skills.

Understanding of the World

We will begin the term considering our British Values and learning about Diwali- the Hindu festival of light and Bonfire Night and the story of Guy Fawkes. We will be exploring what Remembrance is and why we wear poppies. The children will learn about the Jewish Festival of Light- Hanukkah. We will continue looking at Autumn and watching how colours and things change through the season, plants dying back and talk about animals going into hibernation. We will learn about life in the Polar Regions and compare to our country looking at the weather and the animals that live there. Through our senses we will investigate melting and floating and sinking. We will learn about what clothes we need to wear in winter. We will explore what special foods we eat at Christmas.

