

Expressive Arts & Design

Children will explore all the elements of Autumn through our autumn discovery area which will be created by the things they have collected in their Autumn treasure bags. We will have the opportunity to take on the roles of the people who help us and dress up in their uniforms. During our Into the Woods topic, children will enjoy our themed role play area: The Three Bears House where they will act out the story of Goldilocks and the three bears. In our creative area, children will be given lots of opportunities to make an create exciting items related to our topics such as a leaf hedgehog and a cork print Autumn tree, Christmas decorations to add to school class tree and a Christmas card just to name a few! As we begin Advent, the role-play area will transform into Santa's Workshop – the little elves will be busy making the toys for Santa.

Religious Education

To begin the half term, we will look at a World Faith: Hinduism, learning all about Diwali. During Advent, we will begin our RE theme of Birthdays. For this, we will discover what a birthday is and how it may be celebrated. We will learn that Advent is when people get ready for the birthday of Jesus at Christmas and learn more about at the nativity story. We will complete lots of fun Re-related activities in the lead up to Christmas, including creating our very own nativity play with Reception.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Whilst exploring Bonfire night, we will talk about how to keep safe if we go to a fire work display as well as what things we enjoy about bonfire night. For Remembrance we will discuss why this day is special in an age-appropriate way - 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.

Literacy

Children will have access to a variety of books to read and mark-making opportunities across the all of the different areas our Nursery such as mark-making in glittery flour, using a range of equipment to create marks in soap flakes and some of us will even start to practise tracing our name. children will use catalogues to cut up and write a wish list to post to Santa.

Key Texts for our new topic: Goldilocks and the three Bears, Going on a bear hunt, The Gruffalo, Stickman, The Dinosaur that Poop Christmas, Lost and Found etc. plus some non-fiction books.

Physical Development

Children will continue weekly PE sessions this half-term in small Key Worker groups using the school hall. For our Autumn Week, children will take part in a woodland walk to explore changes in the environment and collect leaves, conkers etc. 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 salt-dough decorations, wrapping Christmas presents, creating a giant red roller painting to make poppies, using sticks to create giant swirls in sand, the list goes on!

Communication & Language

Children will continue to be given lots of opportunities on a daily basis for developing their language through our play by talking about what we are doing and through imaginative play with peers and adults. Our new topics will allow for lots of discussion about people who help us and the 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 new topic. We will also continue to take part in daily phonics sessions which are aimed at developing our listening and communication skills.

Mathematics

We will continue to work with basic counting and number recognition – this will be on-going throughout the year across all topics and our daily singing will include songs which include counting. This term, we will begin to look at the digits as well as counting to learn number recognition. We will look at the language and concept of size - compare objects in size and ordering from smallest to biggest. We will continue our work with 2D shapes (square, rectangle, circle and triangle) looking at the shape names, their properties and looking for shapes in the environment.

Understanding of the World

We will begin the term exploring what Remembrance is and why we wear poppies. We will learn about the people who help us such as our parents, doctors, nurses, fire fighters etc. Children will also be given the opportunity to meet real police officers and fire fighters and hear from them how they help us; if we are lucky, they may even bring the fire engine and police car!

