

Communication and Language

- We will be talking to each other in small groups and as a class. Topics will include talking about experiences of Bonfire night and special times in our lives, for example birthdays and Christmas.
- We will be learning to follow more complex instructions
- We will be focusing on developing our vocabulary through role play, exploring and investigating both in and outdoors.

Literacy

- We will continue to learn new sounds, and actions to accompany them, and will be practicing segmenting and blending using these sounds.
- We will be learning to read and write our tricky words.
- We will be listening to and retelling stories linked to celebrations including Guy Fawkes and the story of Rama and Sita and acting out lots of stories through role play.
- We will be practicing our writing both in and outdoors, through writing cards, posters, signs, maps and lists.
- Your child will be heard read weekly through a group guided reading session, where we will develop their reading skills.

Physical Development

- Our P.E. sessions are every Wednesday and Friday. Where we will do dance and gymnastics.
- This half term our focus will be experimenting with different ways of moving and negotiating space successfully.
- Opportunities for developing fine motor control will be plentiful, for example playing with sand mouse and play dough.
- Every Wednesday we will have a multisensory session where children will focus on fine motor skills indoors including writing our name correctly and gross movements outdoors, including painting with big brushes, ribbons and threading.

Personal, social and emotional development

- We will be continuing to focus on our golden rules during circle times. We will be encouraging the children to share and take turns, playing together in a group.
- Fortnightly 'show and tell' will focus on developing children's confidence in talking in a familiar group.
- We will also be visiting our local church and chapel.

Let's celebrate winter

Foundation Stage Curriculum Overview

- As our planning follows the children's interests this may change slightly over the course of the half term.



Understanding the World

- The children will participate in weekly welly Wednesday sessions in our woods which will include making waterproof shelters and leaf firework patterns.
- There will be lots of opportunities for children to investigate how and why things happen and work during busy times.
- All children will have access to computers and they will use a programmable 'Beebot'.

Expressive arts and design

- Children will experiment with colour and texture using a variety of different media.
- There are daily opportunities for junk modelling, painting, cutting and sticking and working with playdough.
- Role play areas both in and outdoors are changed on a regular basis and will include a firework factory, Santa's grotto and the Houses of Parliament.
- Children will learn the songs of our Christmas play and act it out for family and friends.

Numeracy

- Children will have opportunities to learn mathematical concepts through lots of fun and practical activities.
- We will be counting and working with numbers to 10 and then 20, including finding 1 more and 1 less.
- We will learn concepts such as weight and money through role play in the post office and Christmas shop.
- We will look at 3D shapes, learn their names and begin to describe them using mathematical terms.