

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 group guided reading sessions, where we will develop their reading skills.

Physical Development

- Our P.E. sessions are every Tuesday 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 day we will have a 'funky fingers' session where children will focus on fine motor skills including writing our name correctly
- We will do a daily '5 a day' workout, developing gross motor skills.

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.
- We will be visiting our local church.
- We will have plan, do and review sessions to begin to talk about what activities we can do during 'busy time'.
- Our circle times will focus on naming and describing feelings.

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 iPads during the week 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.

Mathematics

- 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, 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.