

Medium term plan

Seasons
Autumn 2nd half term

Prime areas of learning

Communication and language

Children will have lots of opportunities to develop their communication skills. Our focus will be on- Shows an understanding of prepositions, responds to simple instructions, begins to ask how and why questions, introduces a storyline into their play, listens and responds to ideas by others and is able to maintain attention and sit quietly during activities.

Physical development

Every morning the children will take part in busy fingers, developing their fine motor skills. This will include threading, using tweezers completing puzzles. We have made a slight change to our Monday PE session. Reception will now be joining us and we will alternate between music and PE each week. They will focus on moving in a range of ways around apparatus such as rolling, crawling, jumping and sliding. Reception PE- will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon with Mr Green.

Personal, social and emotional

This half term our focussed circle time will be on *Getting on* and *Falling Out*. The children will be thinking about how to work in a group, how to resolve a dispute and how to make up with a friend after falling out with them. Alongside this we will continue to encourage children to develop their independence when selecting their own activities and resources.

Themes / interests Celebrations

Bonfire Night

Diwali

Christmas

The children will focus on learning about the Christmas story. They will find out about the characters in the story and think about how it feels to give and receive presents.

Specific areas of learning

Literacy

The children will be focussing on a range of texts as a stimulus for learning each week. These will include *Stick man*, *the Gruffalo*, *Room on a broom*, *Cant you sleep little bear* and other books based on seasons. Nursery children will be developing their ability to listen and recall stories, look at books carefully and join in with repeated refrains. Reception will continue to develop their abilities to link sounds to letters, with a focus on starting to write simple words.

Mathematics

Every day the children will take part in a small group maths based activity. Nursery children will be working on recognising numbers, comparing two groups of objects, sometimes matching numeral to quantity and using positional language. In Reception the focus will be on recognising teen numbers, continuing repeating patterns, and partitioning five objects in different ways.

Understanding the world

The focus of our learning will be on *Seasons*. The children will be looking at the changes that occur over time. We will go out for walks to collect some seasonal natural objects. Talk about animals that hibernate, bulbs that go to sleep underground and come out in spring. Ask the children their thoughts about why hedgehogs hibernate. Why do squirrels collect nuts? What happens to the leaves on trees?

Expressive arts and design

The children will learn some seasonal songs in music, and listen and dance to a range of different songs. We will be using sticks and natural objects to create collages and sculptures, printing with leaves, creating 3D fireworks and looking at colour mixing. Our role play area will be an animal hideout.