

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Build relationships with a wider range of peers and adults within school

Develop confidence on stage for the Nativity and when out and about from school (e.g. at the Theatre)

Continue to become more independent with personal needs – toothbrushing

Mathematics

Numbers 1 and 2 – counting, subitising, representing, numeral recognition; comparing and composition

Simple Patterns

Literacy

Key texts – Bonfire Night [non-fiction]; Remembrance – Poppy Poppy [poetry]; The Leaf Thief by Alice Hemming; Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins; Little Glow by Katie Sahota; Christmas Story [Bible]; Where's Lenny by Ken Wilson-Max [Little Wandle focus]

Learn the names of different parts of the book.

Foundations for Phonics – develop sound awareness of *s a t p i n m* and learn how to blend sounds orally

Name writing – learn accurate letter formation of letters in their name

Physical Development

Fine motor skills – Dough Gym, cutting skills, threading, pencil control, playdough, Wiggle and Squiggle (handwriting patterns to music first by dancing with scarves then mark-making with pens or in sensory materials [e.g. sand])

Leap into Life developing agility, balance and co-ordination.

Let's Celebrate What do people celebrate?



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Acorns - Nursery

Expressive Arts and Design

Explore different textures through wax crayon rubbings and develop collage skills using textured creations, joining them together

Focus Nursery Rhymes – One, Two, Buckle My Shoe; Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star; Wind the Bobbin Up - remember and sing songs matching the pitch and singing the melodic shape.

Music - sing/move to celebration music from a variety of cultures, play a range of percussion instruments.

Understanding the World

Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things, especially with hibernating animals (e.g. hedgehogs)

Changing season of Autumn - Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of the natural world in Autumn, talking about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.

Recognise people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways – Bonfire Night, Remembrance, Christmas

Memorable Moments

Outdoor Learning

Christmas - Nativity Performance, Christingle

Theatre Visit – A Little Christmas Carol

Communication and Language

Role Play – Bonfire, Pet Shop, Post Office, Santa's Workshop

Show & Tell – What special celebration have I been part of before? (use longer sentences of 4-6 words and answer questions, including 'why')

Daily story times (fiction, non-fiction and poetry), talk about books and remember much of what happens

Follow 2-step instructions and use talk to organise themselves and their play

Talk about their own experiences of celebrations, keeping safe on Bonfire Night and considering others' needs and feelings