



## English:

- During this term the children will;
- Continue working through the phonics scheme and practice building words.
  - Learn to re-tell the Christmas story.
  - Learn new vocabulary related to celebrations and Christmas.
  - Begin writing words with support.
  - Begin to look at writing labels.

## Mathematics:

- During this term the children will;
- Deepen their understanding of the numbers 3, 4, 5 and 6.
  - Sort a selection of objects e.g by size, colours etc
  - Order a selection of objects by length.
  - Talk about the properties of 2D shapes and use them to identify shapes around the classroom and make pictures.

## Understanding the World:

- During this term the children will be learning;
- About the similarities and differences in a variety of celebrations around the world e.g. Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Weddings and Christmas.
  - About firework safety.
  - About the changes that occur in Winter.

## Communication and Language:

- During this term the children will;
- Use language to recreate roles and experiences in the different role play areas.
  - Begin to express their thoughts in more detail.
  - Perform on stage with developing confidence.
  - Introduce why and how questions into their vocabulary.
  - Follow instructions within turn-taking games.



## Physical Development:

- During this term the children will;
- Be travelling and balancing using different parts of their body.
  - Continue learning how to use correct pencil grip and gain increasing control with mark making.
  - Think about how to be healthy and the impact this has on their bodies.
  - Learn how to express feelings and stories through dance.

## Expressive Arts and Design:

- During this term the children will be involved in a variety of creative activities listed below;
- Drawing
  - Role play
  - Painting/printing
  - Collage
  - Dance
  - Singing

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- During this term the children will;
- Think about being friends with each other and how we make up when we fall out with each other.
  - Develop confidence so they can perform in the Christmas concert.
  - Think about special times and how they make us feel & how different families celebrate.



## English:

### How can you help at home?

- Continue reading regularly at home.
- Continue learning the key 'red' words using the game sent home each week.
- Practise writing first name using correct handwriting formations or practise writing your sounds using the sheets in your reading pack.
- Use fast phonics to practise sounds and reading.

## Mathematics:

### How can you help at home?

- Look around the house for 2D shapes and talk about what makes them the same/different.
- Choose a selection of household items and ask your child to sort them in order of different criteria, e.g. size, weight etc
- Look for numbers in the environment and count lots of different things in your home.

## Understanding the World:

### How can you help at home?

- Watch the Mawsley Remembrance parade/visit the memorial and talk about what it is for.
- Listen to the Christmas story.
- Look through old family Christmas/Celebration photographs and identify similarities and differences.
- Talk about how the season Winter is different to Autumn.

## Communication and Language:

### How can you help at home?

- Play Simon says with your family.
- Have a go at some Copy Me games.
- Talk about and rehearse the vocabulary words sent home each week.
- Listen to and discuss the story sent home each week.

## Expressive Arts and Design:

### How can you help at home?

- Make a Christmas/Winter card for a family member.
- Draw/create/make a celebration themed picture.



## Physical Development:

### How can you help at home?

- Cut up an Argos or Smyths catalogue and make a Christmas wish list!
- Make up your own celebration themed dance e.g. Can you act like a firework to Kate Perry's Firework song? Can you waltz to some wedding themed music?
- Practise your hopping, skipping, jumping or catching at the park.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

### How can you help at home?

- Draw a picture of a family celebration that was special to you.
- Help someone around the house.
- Play a turn taking game with your family.