



# Autumn 2: Learning in Nursery



## Communication and Language Development

Our environment offers rich opportunities for communication and language development. However, each half term we focus on a topic to further develop our understanding and experiences. This half term our topic is ...

Celebrations!

There will be lots of discussions surrounding different celebrations. We will read stories based on celebrations and answer questions about the text. We will talk about past and present events talking about our past experiences of celebrations.

## Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be talking a lot about taking turns and learning that we should share toys and resources. Now that we have settled into our Nursery and have become familiar with our Nursery routine, we will be discussing acceptable behaviour and boundaries in our Nursery. We will be looking at our recognition boards and the positive things we can do in our Nursery to be recognised!

We will learn that we need to be Ready, Respectful and Safe!

## Understanding the World

Our half term topic is 'Celebrations'. There will be lots of discussions about past and present experiences in our life's such as celebrating birthdays, what we know about Christmas and other celebrations such as Diwali, Bonfire night and Remembrance day. Our role play area is set up as a home corner, we will be encouraged to take on roles and learn through pretend play. In our construction and small world area there will also be a range of different resources introduced to develop pretend play using small world equipment.

## Supporting your child with their learning

You can help at home in many ways. Singing nursery rhymes and taking time to talk and have conversations with your child is very important for language development. Take a look at our Chat, Play & Read wall for more ideas, how you can help at home.

## Phonics

We will be working on Phase 1 activities developing our speaking and listening skills, phonological awareness and oral blending and segmenting.

## Expressive Arts and Design

In our environment we have many opportunities to be creative and to use a range of materials. We have access to a range of resources that will support our imagination and role play. We also have access to musical instruments to experiment with sounds. This half term to link with our theme 'Celebrations!'. We will be responding to music linked to different celebrations.

## Physical Development

Throughout this half term we have access to many opportunities that will develop our fine and gross motor skills. Such as playing outside, being in the woodlands, taking part in dough disco, and practising our drawing and writing skills. However, each half term we will focus on one fundamental movement skill. This half term our focus is...

Jumping!

## Mathematics

This half term we will focus on

- Number – Counting and comparing quantities
- Number – Counting the total amount
- Number – representing numbers using fingers
- Measurement – Weight
- 2D shape

## R.E

As we continue to spend time settling into new Nursery routines, we also recognise the importance of celebrating our Faith. This half term is a time for us to learn our prayers and when we say our prayers during the nursery day.

As part of our celebrations topic, we will be learning about Christmas and celebrating the time that Jesus, the Son of God, was born. The Nativity story is a very important time in our Catholic calendar. We will be learning all about the Nativity story.

Our Gospel Value this half term is LOVE. What is love and how can we show love to others?