

Literacy

This half term in Donaldson Class we will be:

- Exploring a range of festive texts reading such as 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' and a range of Nativity stories.
- Practising new vocabulary in our role play 'The Elves Workshop' and when retelling familiar stories in our play.
- Mark making and using our sounds to segment for spelling as we prepare gifts with tags and write lists and letters to Father Christmas.

Phonics

This half term in Donaldson Class we will be:

- Practising and consolidating own Set 1 Read Write Inc. sounds and will begin to blend sounds to read simple phonetically decodable words on our own.
- Exploring rhyme and repetition and we listen to a range of good quality texts.
- Learning to read Set 1.1 and 1.2 green words
- Sharing books with the adults in class with growing accuracy as our reading skills begin to emerge and we link known sounds to a letter or letters.

Physical Development

This half term in Donaldson Class we will be:

- Developing our fine motor skills through daily Dough Disco to help us improve our pincer grip and write dance activities.
- Refining our gross motor skills in PE as we experiment with movement and travelling safely in different ways.
- Learning to use a range of tools safely and purposefully including knives and peelers for chopping and slicing fruit.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term in Donaldson Class we will be:

- Exploring different techniques to create effective firework pictures using a range of materials.
- Exploring ways of creating texture in our art work when creating Christmas Cards and pop up toys.
- Listening to and singing a range of winter and Christmas songs, recording Carol concerts for our Grown-ups to watch at home.
- We will make and taste some traditional Christmas foods from around the world.
- Making props and accessories for our role play area 'The Elves Workshop'.

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Mathematical Development

This half term in Donaldson Class we will be:

- Consolidating our number recognition up to 20 and counting objects using 1:1 correspondence.
- Learning how to form our numbers correctly.
- Finding out about 2D and 3D shapes and describing them...'round, straight and tall'.
- Learning to combine numbers up to 10 and begin to understand adding and takeaway from a given number.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term in Donaldson Class we will be:

- Exploring the benefits of team work and personal fitness during Personal Development Week.
- Learn about different celebrations that take place around the world.
- We will learn to share and take turns with others and develop strategies for dealing with conflicts that occur as we develop new friendships.
- We will think of ways to make Christmas special for others by and spread happiness by celebrating daily acts of kindness.

Communication and Language

This half term in Donaldson Class we will be:

- Listening to stories, sharing news and talking about our learning each day.
- Practising our listening skills and taking turns in conversation.
- Exploring different characters in our role play and thinking about what they would say 'in role' using new vocabulary.
- Learning to say 'Hello' in different languages.
- Continuing to learn Makaton signs to support our language development across all areas of the curriculum.

Understanding of the World

This half term in Donaldson Class we will be:

- Finding out about different festivals such as Diwali and Christmas and talking about who, why and how they are celebrated.
- We will be learning about a Christian church before we make our Christingle, and then take it to our local Church.
- Make and share food, gifts and cards as we develop an understanding of those less fortunate than us and the power in a single act of kindness.