

Literacy

- We will be exploring a range of texts, including stories from our class author Julia Donaldson' such as 'Stickman'. We will also get ourselves in the festive mood by reading Christmas stories such as 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' and a range of Nativity stories.
- We will be learning new vocabulary when we have a go at using 'Talk for Writing' to help us retell stories like real storytellers!
- We will be learning and retelling many versions of the Nativity story.
- We will write lists and letters to Father Christmas
- We will also write cards, lists and labels using our phonics to help us sound out words we want to use.

Expressive Arts and Design

- We will be making our own Bonfire Night and firework pictures using different materials
- We will explore ways of creating texture in our art work when we explore creating our own Christmas Cards.
- We will be learning to sing songs from 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' which is our Nativity Performance.
- We will be making Christmas cards, wrapping paper and decorations to make our classroom look like a grotto and we will bring them home, ready for the holidays!
- At home you could ask your child to create some wrapping paper with patterns on and ask them to design a card.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will be finding out how to live a healthy lifestyle during our first week of the half term during Personal Development Week.
- We will find out about how other children live around the world.
- We will be playing games that involve taking turns and listening to each other.
- We will start earning team points towards our class reward!
- We will be bringing home our 'Take Home Teddy' so we can share what we do with our families at the weekend.
- At home you can complete a wow slip for your child for a new skill they have mastered! We will share it in class.

Phonics

- During our phonics sessions we will continue to learn our Set 1 Read Write Inc. sounds and use them to blend words we can read on our own.
- We look forward to seeing our Mystery Reader each week. We will be learning to use our listening skills to hear words that rhyme.
- We will learn to read simple sentences.
- We will be reading individually and in small groups.

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Communication and Language

- There will be opportunities for us to tell stories, share news and talk about our learning each day.
- We will be practising our listening skills and taking turns in conversation.
- We will be talking about our characters in the Nativity performance and what they would say 'in role'.
- We will be learning to say 'Hello' in different languages.
- We will continue to learn Makaton that support our language development across all areas of the curriculum.
- At home you could talk about the different versions of the Christmas Story.

Physical Development

- We will be taking part in Dough Disco to help us improve our pincer grip so we can hold a pencil correctly when we write.
- We will be taking part in PE where we will move in different ways. We will be having a go at getting changed independently.
- We will be learning about healthy lifestyles and the important jobs our eyes, teeth and ears do. We will be learning that we have to exercise daily to keep us healthy.
- At home you can take a photo and complete a wow slip for any physical achievement! We would like to share it with the class.

Mathematical Development

- We will be continuing to practise recognising numbers up to 20 and counting objects using 1:1 correspondence.
- We will be learning how to form our numbers correctly.
- We will be finding out about 2D and 3D shapes, as well as describing them...'round, straight and tall'.
- We will be using money to buy stamps on our visit to the post office to post our letters to Father Christmas.
- We will continue to count objects which cannot be moved.

Understanding of the World

- We will be finding out about different festivals such as Diwali and Christmas.
- We will be talking about who, why and how we celebrate this Christian holiday.
- We will be learning about a Christian church before we make our Christingle, and then take it to the Church.
- We will be asking people in our community about their roles and how they help the community such as PC Bishop and Tom Robson (our local Vicar).