Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Communication and Language

Physical Developmen

- Continuing to develop our friendships within the classroom.
- · Continuing to understand classroom rules.
- Talking about the dark being afraid and thinking about how we can deal with this.
- Reading the owl who was afraid of the dark
- Circle time games
- Developing understanding that people don't always feel the same way that we do – discussions about likes and dislikes, comparing how we are different.
- Weekly PSHE lesson using the JIGSAW program.

- Developing new vocabulary linked to topic
- Following instructions for how to make simple items bonfire biscuits, Diwali crafts.
- Home corner encouraging children to develop a narrative within their play.
- Feely bag activity children to place hands inside the bag (can't see what
 is in there) and use their language skills to describe what they can feel.
- Classroom discussions based on themes during topic bonfire night, Diwali, remembrance, Advent, Christmas.

Light and Dark

Developing concentration skills.

- Exploring moving in different ways to create different shadow shapes.
- Time on the 'trim trail' to develop gross motor skills
- Dough disco and fine motor activities daily
- Developing cutting skills
- Weekly focussed PE sessions gymnastics
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Weekly Focus ideas:

Week 4 - Nocturnal Animals

Week 1 - Bonfire Night Week 5 - Space

Week 2 - Remembrance / Diwali

Weeks 6 & 7 - Christmas

Week 3 — Dark isn't scary (shadows)

Focus Texts:

Hovis the Hedgehog

Whatever Next

Owl Babies

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The owl who was afraid of the dark

Mog's Christmas

Literacy

- Daily RWI sessions children will read and write simple CVC words everyday during this sessions.
- Book of the week each week we will have a focus text that we will read everyday. These texts will be linked to our topic and will focus the teaching for the week.
- Story voting station in addition to our book of the week, children also vote for the story that they would like to read at the end of the day.
- Writing opportunities available daily in addition to RWI phonic sessions.
- Writing words to describe the noise of fireworks
- Writing a list of things to take to space
- Identifying rhyming words in stories

Mathematics

We follow the White Rose scheme of work for Maths. This half term we will be looking at '1,2,3 it's me' and 'Light and Dark' planning. You can find this by visiting https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/early-years-resources/

We believe it is important that children have a deep understanding of number and simply being able to count and recognise numbers does not mean they have a secure understanding. Using White Rose and Maths mastery approach allows us to teach number and shape in a way that ensures children have a secure knowledge right from the beginning making it easier for them to grasp more difficult concepts as they move through school.

.Bonfire Night – why do we celebrate? Who is

Guy Fawkes?

Remembrance – Why are people wearing

Understanding the World

- poppies? What can we do to remember?Night and day where does the sun go at
- Nocturnal animals what is happening when I am asleep?
- Night time workers Why do people work at night?
- Why do we celebrate Christmas

Expressive Arts and Design

- Children have access to the craft table at all times.
 They are able to help themselves to any resources they might need for their creation. We encourage children to be independent but do provide focus activities to move their learning forward.
- Bonfire night craft rockets, biscuits, firework pictures
- Making a poppy
- · Nocturnal animal craft
- Role play areas home corner, shop, Santa's workshop
- · Advent and Christmas craft
- Cooking opportunity linked to Christmas mince pies / biscuits.



