



Year R Curriculum Map Autumn 2 Darkness and Light



Communication & Language:

We will be talking about celebrations such as bonfire night, Diwali, Carnival and Christmas.

We will be listening to and learning to retell the story Owl Babies.

We will be learning vocabulary linked to nocturnal animals.

We will have multiple story sessions a day in order to promote a love of language and reading.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development:

The children will be learning to build constructive and respectful relationships with adults and peers during circle time activities.

They will be learning how we can persevere when we face challenges and learn how to work together to overcome adversity.

The children will also learn to identify their own feelings and find ways to moderate those feelings socially and emotionally.

Physical Development:

The children will continue to participate in fine motor activities during 'Funky Fingers' sessions including scissor skills, threading, name writing and letter formation.

They will learn to form the letters d, e, f, v, k, l, r u, j, w and z.

In PE the children will explore how their bodies work and move and the effect movement has on the body.

Literacy:

The children will continue their Sounds-Write journey and will be introduced to the sounds d, e, f, v, k, l, r u, j, w and z. As they continue to learn these new sounds, we will provide opportunities to practise letter formations of the taught sounds.

Our story focus for this half term is Owl Babies and we will be exploring this text and other text texts related to nocturnal animals. The children will learn to retell this story and create a text map to support us. We will begin to build words and sentences based on our story. We will explore non-fiction texts and learn how to write a non-fiction sentence.

We will listen to the story Dear Santa and create our own lift flap page.

Numeracy:

This half term we will be continuing to work on our subitising skills, learning to recognise 1, 2, 3 and 4 objects when placed in different arrangements. The children will explore what happens when they add more to a quantity and use Five Frames to illustrate this.

The children will learn the names of 2D shapes and that they can have straight or curved sides and corners.

Forest School:

In our forest school sessions, the children will continue to learn fire safety and talk about how to stay safe on nights like Bonfire Night.

The children will learn about native nocturnal animals such as badgers and create a "Bog Roll Badger".

They will also create a decoration using sticks of alder ready for Christmas.

Understanding the World:

The children will learn about celebrations such as Bonfire Night and Diwali and local celebrations such as Carnival. The children will find out about India and look at where the UK and India are on the world map. We will learn about nocturnal animals and what this means. We will be thinking about people who help us such as firefighters and police officers.

We will explore light and dark and investigate shadows and reflections.

We will learn about the season Winter and describe the changes we see around us.

Expressive Arts & Design:

The children will learn how to mould clay into a Diya lamp and add embellishments using paint and gems. The children will also look at Rangoli patterns and create our own using chalk.

The children will explore collage skills and create an Owl Babies picture using a variety of materials. They will also start to learn how to sew in order to create something special for Christmas!

Homework:

We only ask that you spend time sharing stories with your child. This will have a positive impact on their communication and language skills which in turn will support their development in all areas of the curriculum. Please also look out for sound cards and words in your child's bookbag to practise at home.

