

Year: Nursery
Autumn 2: Autumn/Light & Dark

Special experiences:

Christmas singing
Watching Receptions nativity performance

Key Texts:

Owl babies
Whatever next
Shark in the dark
How do you feel?

Main Themes:

Resettling after half term
Autumn and changes in the seasons
Light & Dark
Bonfire night
Christmas

Communication and language:

A listening walk
Sharing stories
Talking about our own experiences (fireworks, autumn, Christmas)
Listening to others at circle time
Getting better at following instructions

Physical Development

Cutting with scissors
Mark making opportunities inside & outside
Moving our bodies in different ways
Dancing like fireworks with silk scarves

Health and self-care:

Putting hats and gloves on.
Washing and drying hands independently after toilet and before snack.

PSED:

Talking about different feelings and emotions
Introducing strategies for turn taking, including sand timers.
Playing in a group
Extending imaginative play

Literacy:

Learning Christmas songs.
Sharing stories.
Reinforcing familiar songs and nursery rhymes.
Listening to stories with increasing attention and recall.
Starting to give meaning to our drawings and paintings.
Letters to Santa/ Christmas cards.

Maths:

Introducing shapes
Rocket pictures (using shapes appropriately for task)
Counting songs

Understanding the World:

Owls and other animals that come out at night
Light and Dark
Autumn the changing seasons – leaf collages and leaf rubbings
Firework sounds and paintings.
Playing with binoculars, telescopes and torches.

EAD:

Exploring texture through messy play
Making Christmas props
Introducing claves and experimenting with different rhythms.
Encouraging construction with different building materials