What are we learning?









Key Themes and books









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Seasonal changes, Fireworks, World Nursery Rhyme Week, Light and Dark, Special people, Birthdays and celebrations including Christmas.

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We will continue to look for seasonal changes as Autumn becomes Winter. We will talk about our own experiences of special times and develop our understanding of what a celebration is. We will learn new Nursery Rhymes and poems off by heart. We will investigate sources of light. We will learn about the Christmas story and take part in our school nativity and Christmas celebrations.

This will help us when we learn about:

Bonfire night, Diwali, Remembrance Day, Hannukah, Space, Christmas Time/Nativity and Special People when we are in Rainbows.

Ways to support at home

Read stories every day, talk about what you see in the pictures, how the characters feel, create joy and anticipation

Learn new rhymes together and sing familiar ones too

Look at photos of celebrations and special times you have shared as a family Talk about different job roles and occupations

Talk about when their Birthday is, how old they are, how old they will be on their next Birthday.

Provide opportunities for mark making such as making cards, gift tags, invitations, pictures for special people

Model to pointing to 1 object at a time as you count

Practice subitising (saying how many up to 3 without counting)

Look for and name shapes and patterns using 2D and 3D shape language



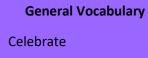
Nursery

Autumn Term 2

2025

Christmas Christmas tree Nativitu

Key Vocabulary



Special

Firework

Bonfire Night

Light/Dark

Star

Poppy Day

Season (Autumn/Winter)







We will encourage this learning by:

Taking part in Little Wandle activities to begin to develop our phonological awareness. Begin to hear the initial sound in words. Begin to blend sounds to make words. Develop use of story language using familiar stories and reinventing them, acting them

Creative activities which use different techniques or materials

Joining in with daily Squiggle While We Wiggle sessions

Develop our Counting and comparing skills, Counting out objects from a collection 1 at a time, practicing pointing to one object at a time, subitising to 3.

Learning new nursery rhymes and poems and bringing them to life

Learning about the different winter celebrations and starting to understand people have different beliefs and traditions.

Walks in our environment to notice changes in seasons

This half term in Sunbeams we will be developing the following skills (as well as revisiting previous skills and knowledge):

The Prime areas		
Communication and Language	Physical Development	Personal, Social and Emotional Development
Nursery 1	Ongoing throughout nursery	Nursery 1
	Gross Motor Skills:	Play with increasing confidence on their own and with other children,
Listens to and enjoys rhythmic patterns in rhymes and stories	Climbing on various equipment; Crawl, walk, run, jump, matching skill to	because they know their key person is nearby and available
	task; Use large muscle movements to wave flags and streamers; Kick, throw	
Developing ability to put 2/3 words together	and catch a ball; Clap and stamp to music; Dance and hold a pose; Paint and	Beginning to express preferences and decisions.
	make marks; To be able to begin to sit on a push-along wheeled toy (2-3	
Nursery 2	years); Riding tricycles (3-4 years); Going up and down stairs; Carrying heavy	Nursery 2
	items; Washing windows and toys; Building with large construction	Develop a sense of community and responsibility
Sing Songs and Talk about familiar stories		
	Fine Motor Skills:	Show increasing confidence in social situations
Begin to hold simple conversations with adults	Use tools and equipment like spades, spoon and fork, water jugs, scissor	
	scoops, tweezers, large pipettes; Funky finger activities; Play-dough (dough	PSHE Coram Education-SCARF: Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience,
	disco); Tearing Paper; Scissors- sniping paper progressing to moving	Friendship
	forwards; Mark making using a variety of tools and media; Use of Clips,	Me and my friends
	Clasps, zips, buttons, screwing Jars and nuts and bolts; Finger Puppets	Friends and family
		Including everyone
The Specific Areas		

Mathematics Literacy Understanding of the World Expressive Arts and Design Nursery 1 Nursery 1 Nursery 1 Nursery 1 *Enjoys sharing books with an adult Comparing and combing objects * Demonstrates curiosity about people and shows Notices and becomes interested in the transformative Compare saying lots, more, the same *Enjoys rhythmic and musical activity with percussion, effect of their actions on materials and resources interest in stories about people, animals or objects. songs, clapping along with the beat *Explore and respond to different natural phenomena Combine objects like stacking blocks and cups. Put *Enjoys listening or joining in with words of familiar songs e.g. standing in the rain with wellies and umbrellas, Show attention to sounds and music (when you play objects inside others and take them out again crunching in frost, searching for bug etc. different cultural/genre/tempo music etc.) and nursery rhymes *Pay attention and responds to the pictures or the words Beginning to recite some number names in sequence Toys with buttons, flaps and simple mechanisms, Nursery 2 *Enjoys making marks freely beginning to learn to operate them. Nursery 2 Listen to sounds with increasing attention Nurserv 2 Nurserv 2 Counting skills and shapes * Begin to develop phonological awareness. *Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's Join different materials and explore different textures *Begin to count or clap syllables history Counting to 5/10 *Develop use of some story language *Develop positive attitudes to people and their Develop pretend play *Learns new vocabulary from texts and topics differences Counting out objects 1-1 *Develop understanding of concepts e.g. same/different *In pretend play imitates events from own family or Experiments with ways of playing sound makers e.g. *Join in with Dough Disco sessions cultural background fast/slow, loud/quiet Knows last number reached is the total (cardinal *Talk about the differences between materials and principle) changes they notice. (Snow, Ice melting) Exploring shapes in play and beginning to name them. Knows how to operate simple equipment, e.g. turns on CD player, uses a remote control, can Showing number on fingers navigate touch-capable technology with support