

## Understanding of the World

*The children will be learning to:*

Talk about how we celebrate Autumn festivals, Bonfire night, and Christmas.

Talk about how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

Find objects that sink and float and discuss why.

### Outdoor learning

**Mini beast hotel-** understand what mini beasts need to live, how we should care for them. Look at animals in different environments and see how they adapt to live there.

**Mud kitchen-** make mud pies and engage in imaginative role play based on first hand experiences.

**Den building-** work with others and negotiate to make a shelter.

**Jingle stick-** wind wool carefully and attach a bell to make an instrument.

**Gardening-** plant a daffodil bulb and understand what it need to grow.

**Bikes-** ride a bike around objects and park it safely.

### Technology

Use 2 paint and I pads to create firework pictures.

Use musical leaps and bounds to make firework music.

Create animals using a mix and match programme.

Make shapes using geo-mag app on I pads.

## Communication and Language

*The children will be learning to:*

Retell and order the story of Noah's Ark.

Discuss similarities and differences of different versions of the Noah's Ark story.

Say describing words associated with fireworks.

Follow a story without pictures or props.

## Physical Development

*The children will be learning to:*

Move in a variety of ways.

Develop aiming and catching skills through games and role play.

Use a variety of equipment in our outdoor area to develop gross motor skills e.g. stilts and balancing boards.

Develop and use fine motor skills to cut, thread, colour and paint.

Develop fine motor skills such as cutting, threading, colouring, dough disco etc.

Talk about keeping healthy by exercising and eating a balanced diet.

## Mathematics

*The children will be learning to:*

Recognise and order numbers to 10 and beyond.

Estimate and count accurately groups of objects.

1 more and 1 less up to 10 and beyond.

Talk about and use language of capacity and length.

Recognise coins and count pennies.

Name and recognise seasons of the year.

Recognise and describe 2D and 3D shapes: pyramid, cube, cuboid, sphere, cylinder, cone.

## Reception Year Autumn 2 2015 – An overview of learning Noah's Ark, What The Ladybird Heard and Christmas

### Literacy

*The children will be learning to:*

Recognise sounds and blend them.

Read some tricky words.

(See board outside classroom for sounds and words of the week).

Talk about reading books including fiction and non fiction.

Write simple sentences.

Use phonics sound sheet to aid independent writing.

Write a firework poem in a group.

Write independently and with others about familiar stories.

Write Christmas lists, cards and letters to Santa.

### Expressive Arts and Design

*The children will be learning to:*

Perform songs and actions for the Christmas play.

Experiment mixing paints to make a rainbow.

Create firework music using different instruments.

Develop stories with peers using role play areas inside and outside e.g. school, vet and Santa's grotto.

Create animals out of a variety of construction and recycled materials.

Create animals using clay.

Make Christmas cards and decorations, access and use a variety of materials.

### Personal Social and Emotional Development

*The children will be learning to:*

Understand the importance of Firework safety. Help others, linked with raising money for Children in Need.

Share, take turns and work together.

Be aware of the feelings of others and respond appropriately.

Talk about own culture and respect the culture of others.

Adapt behaviour to different places and events e.g. Playhouse Theatre trip.

**Mantle / Drama-** teaching freeze frame, video and adult in role techniques. Reindeer Mantle teaching children about healthy living.

**To support your child's learning you could -** Hear them read regularly and write a comment in their blue book. Complete weekly maths booklet, phonic sheet and Christmas holiday writing challenge. Contribute to learning journeys by completing stars detailing children's achievements at home. Attend parent talks.

**These websites have games that can support your child's learning at home.**

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

[www.ictgames.co.uk](http://www.ictgames.co.uk)