

# “Autumn & Christmas”

## Phonics

We will be learning letter/sound correspondences from Phase 2 and 3 of Letters and Sounds - this includes digraphs (two letters, one sound) such as ee, ai, sh, th, ng, oo. We will continue to consolidate those Phase 2 sounds we have already learned.

We will also learn to read ‘tricky’ words which do not follow phonic rules such as ‘he, she, we, me, be, all, they, you, my, are, was, her

Daily activities focussing on reading words and sentences using the sounds learned. We will be constructing words and sentences using magnetic letters and chopped up words and sentences.

## Expressive arts and design

Developing imaginary small world play  
Developing skills to use a range of tools effectively e.g. scissors, rolling pin  
Divali and Firework chalk pictures  
Making Christmas decorations – pinecone forest, Christmas trees with triangles, salt-dough decorations.  
Learn nativity songs.

## Physical Development

Use a pencil to form recognisable letters  
Football skills – catching, throwing, kicking, dribbling  
Build core strength – stand on one leg, balance whilst sitting with legs raised

## Maths

We will be working on:

Counting rhymes and songs  
‘Firework fingers’ quick recognition of 2, 5 and 10 fingers

Begin to use everyday language related to time

Finding one more and one less than a number

Learning the names 2d shapes, making patterns with them and finding them in the environment.

Representing numbers to 5

Identifying one more and one less

## CLL/Literacy

Enjoying stories such as Room on the Broom, The Gingerbread Man, This is the bear, The Nativity story, The Jolly Postman Christmas Story

Use a widening range of vocabulary  
Using phonic knowledge to read and write words and sentences  
Enjoy an increasing range of books

## Understanding of the world:

### Learning about the season of Autumn

Changes in the environment such as leaves changing colour, dark evenings etc

Festivals at this time of year

### Learning about Christmas

The Christmas story, Advent, Christmas around the world  
Family and school traditions around Christmas

Divali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday, Children in Need

The Creation Story

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

### Celebrating Differences

Identify what I’m good at. Understand being different.

Know that we’re all different. My home is special. Kind friend.

Stand up for myself.