Russell Street School

Nursery – Autumn 2 - Theme: Colour and Festivals

Literacy

We will be exploring a range of texts including 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You see?', 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?' and 'Whatever Next'. We will be demonstrating an understanding when talking with others about what we have read. For example, in the role-play area there will be all the props from the story 'Whatever Next' to act it out with our friends.

Mathematics

We will be counting regularly including in our daily circle time sessions when we count how many children are in our group. We will be looking closely at a die and matching the number of dots to numerals. We will focus on the numbers 1-6 thinking about the different ways we can represent the numbers. For example, showing 4 fingers when we roll a 4 and connecting 4 cubes together to show 4.

We will be making a fireworks picture using a variety of shapes.

We will be creating a repeated pattern by weaving a bedspread for Mummy in the 'Peace At Last' story.

Physical Development

As well as having access to the equipment in our Early Years garden to develop our physical skills we will follow an obstacle course from start to finish including the A frame and the slide.

We will be developing our fine-motor control through the programme 'WriteDance in Nursery'. We will start to learn the pre-writing shapes we need to develop before we learn to write in a cursive style.

Communication and Language

We will be introduced to 'Grandma Fantastic' who will teach us new vocabulary such as glittering and scatter in our Fireworks week.

In our circle-times, we will be encouraged to use more complex sentences to link our thoughts, for example using 'because'.

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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be introduced to our whole school approach to PSE called 'Jigsaw'. The focus this half term will be on 'Being Me in My World'.

We will be talking about significant events in our own experience, such as fireworks.

Expressive Arts and Design

Exploring media and materials: In 'World Nursery Rhyme Week', we will be learning 5 nursery rhymes off by heart and will be using props when we are singing them and painting our favourite nursery rhyme characters to name a few activities. We will be making our own shakers and will be given the opportunity to explore musical instruments. We will be encouraged to match the instruments to the sounds of animals. There will be lots of Christmas songs being sung and Christmas activities leading up to the festivities.

Being imaginative: We will be creating many firework pictures using neon paints, biodegradable glitter and painting with a watered down black paint over wax-crayon firework representations. We will be creating wintery images for our seasonal display.

Understanding the World

The world: We will be encouraged to talk about why things happen and how things work. An example being, "How do fireworks explode?"

People and Communities: We will be talking about special times or events for our family or friends, such as firework's night, Diwal, Christmas and birthdays.

Technology: We will continue to use 'PurpleMash'. We will be introduced to the i-pads and creating our own firework picture using a program called '2Paint'. This will give us the opportunity to explore tools such as making the paintbrush thicker and thinner using the required icon.



	Colour and Festivals	English / Maths	New Vocabulary		PSED	UW	PD	CD
1	Diwali and Bonfire Night	Writing – Firework pictures <i>Gives meaning</i> to marks they make as they draw, write and paint Experiments with plastic 2D shapes on black paper. Challenge children to Create a rocket using shapes.	Explode, glittering and scatter	Talking Circles – Fireworks Builds up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences.	Talk about their own experiences – Diwali and Bonfire Night <i>Remembers and</i> <i>talks about</i> <i>significant events</i> <i>in their own</i> <i>experience.</i> Being Me in My World Jigsaw lesson 1	Use i-pads – Purple-Mash = Fireworks	Putting on gloves independently and continue to develop skill for pulling up zip on coat	Printing on black paper with neon prints using a variety of resources Drizzling glue on black paper and adding glitter Using washing up sponges and neon paints to create fireworks on black paper Singing – 5 Little Fireworks song
2	Bill Martin Jr / Eric Carle Brown Bear, What Do You See? What Do You See? Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?	Brown Bear story – Guided reading activity, then ask child to draw their favourite animal in their book – using the correct colour Joins in with repeated refrains and	Gigantic, enormous, huge (referring to brown bear)	Brown Bear, Brown Bear story Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall.	Working as a group in Guided Reading sessions Being Me in My World Jigsaw lesson 2		Throwing and catching a ball	Painting a picture of one of the Brown Bear, Brown Bear animals

		anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories. Number activities such as numicon plates and objects/numbers Sometimes matches numeral					
3	Image: Second system Image: Second system Image: Second	Teacher to model writing Old McDonald Had a Farm – create class book. Children to add pictures. 5 Little Speckled Frogs	Speckled, spotty, spattered	Where could the bus take us?	Being Me in My World Jigsaw lesson 3	Large and small construction – making walls	Singing: Wheels On The Bus Five Little Speckled Frogs Hickory Dickory Dock Old MacDonald Had A Farm Miss Polly Had A Dolly

4		Polar Bear, Polar	Focus on	Animal sounds	Confident to say	Purple-Mash- Mini	Set up an obstacle	Winter images for
	Bill Martin Jr / Eric Carle	Bear, What Do	vocabulary in	(match	which instrument	Mash-Zoo (click	course outside for	Winter display using
	Polar Bear, Polar Bear,	You Hear?	the story such	instruments to	they would use to	and drag)	children to	white, glittery paint
	What Do You Hear?		as fluting	animals)	match the animal		complete	on blue paper
		Joins in with	(flamingo) and				including the A	
		repeated	braying	Children listen	Being Me in My		frame and the	Use cotton wool buds
		refrains and	(zebra)	attentively in a	World Jigsaw		slide.	to create snowflakes.
	The second second	anticipates key		range of	lesson 4			
	atter int	events and		situations.			Children show	
		phrases in					good control and	
	Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What	rhymes and					co-ordination in	
	Do You Hear?	stories. Animals					large and small	
		from story =					movements.	
		children to put						
		animals in to						
		groups (all the						
		polar bears) and						
		count them and						
		say when there						
		is the same						
		number in each						
		set						
		Compares two						
		groups of						
		objects, saying						
		when they have						
		the same						
		number						

5	Peace At Last	Writing name ready for Christmas cards – introduce cursive writing style Teach children how to use objects to sing number rhymes such as 5 green bottles being knocked down. Uses some number names accurately in play. Patterns – bedspread for bears	Peaceful, calm and quiet	They answer 'how' questions about their experiences and in response to events – how do you feel when you see fireworks?	Aware of own feelings – talk about night-time feelings in circles Being Me in My World Jigsaw lesson 5		Draws lines and circles using gross motor movements – Write-Dance Dear sun, Dear moon Weaving – bear's bedspread	Wintery images – Printing with sponges, lego, bubble wrap, etc
6	Whatever Next! Int. MURPHY Int. MURPHY <tr< td=""><td>Whatever Next Acting out the story using the props They demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read Number rhymes Recites numbers in order to 10</td><td>Planet, astronaut, spaceship, gravity</td><td>Is able to follow directions- Making cheesy moon biscuits NB – dairy intolerant children</td><td>'Whatever Next' role-play area Can play in a group, extending and elaborating play ideas, e.g. building up a role- play activity with other children Being Me in My World Jigsaw lesson 6</td><td>(day and night) Talks about why</td><td>Assessment - Can stand momentarily on one foot when shown.</td><td>Painting planets – choosing planet and correct paint colour</td></tr<>	Whatever Next Acting out the story using the props They demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read Number rhymes Recites numbers in order to 10	Planet, astronaut, spaceship, gravity	Is able to follow directions- Making cheesy moon biscuits NB – dairy intolerant children	'Whatever Next' role-play area Can play in a group, extending and elaborating play ideas, e.g. building up a role- play activity with other children Being Me in My World Jigsaw lesson 6	(day and night) Talks about why	Assessment - Can stand momentarily on one foot when shown.	Painting planets – choosing planet and correct paint colour

	The Christmas Story Describes principal characters. Writing name for Christmas	Tinsel – sparkly, glittery and shimmering	Is able to follow directions- when copying name and part games	Christmas card collage Can select and use activities and resources with help. Christmas singing	Circles - Recognises and describes special times or events for family or friends. Special events - Christmas	Christmas card insert <i>Can copy some</i> <i>letters, e.g. letters</i> <i>from their name.</i> Party Day - games	Use small world characters when telling the story Exploration of tinsel, baubles, etc Different textures
Christmas – The Nativity Story	card insert/drawing self-portrait Number puzzles Numicon Christmas scenes Sometimes matches numeral and quantity correctly.			for parents – recorded this year They adjust their behaviour to different situations.		Children show good control and co-ordination in large and small movements.	Making Christmas cards using variety of materials (collage) Singing Christmas songs Christmas collages