



Felton C of E Primary School - 2024/25

Reception Mini Adventure Context Plan - Autumn 2 - The Gingerbread Man & Christmas

Key Texts

- *The Gingerbread Man* - Various
- *The Christmas Story* - Various
- *Night Monkey, Day Monkey* - Julia Donaldson
- *One Snowy Night* - Nick Butterworth

We value the importance of adult modelled reading and storytelling and this takes place on a daily basis in the Explorers' zone.



Key Songs & Rhymes

5 Currant Buns
Pat a Cake
Do you know the Muffin Man
Polly put the Kettle On
Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
Gingerbread Man Songs
Whoops a Daisy Angel Songs
Various Christmas Rhymes and Songs

Loving, Learning and Living

I will undertake a variety of Independent and Adult Focused Activities and will use my Head, Heart and Hands to develop the following Skills, Knowledge and Understanding.....

Maths

Use some number names and number language spontaneously during play.
Begin to recognise some numerals of personal significance.
Know that numbers identify how many objects there are in a set.
Show an interest in 3D shapes by playing and making arrangements with them.
Identify and sort some basic 3D shapes - cylinder, cube, cone.
Explore and create AB repeating patterns.
Wrap a variety of shaped parcels in 'Santa's Workshop' and begin to sort by shape, size and weight.
Explore the concept of time using the story Night Monkey, day Monkey.

Communication and Language

Learn, recall and use key vocabulary related to the Learning Journey.
Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding.
Listen carefully with increasing attention and recall.
Describe the materials and objects I am exploring using a variety of simple adjectives.
Use simple adjectives to describe story characters.
Use talk to connect ideas and share ideas with others and use my ever increasing vocabulary.
Show confidence when performing songs in the Christmas Play.
Retell The Christmas Story in my own words using story props, representational objects, puppets and role play.

Literacy

Play I spy and Kim's game to develop early phonetic awareness.
Show some awareness of how stories are structured and begin to understand that a story has a beginning and an end.
Sequence the story The Christmas story using pictures.
Name and label the parts of an owl and a hedgehog.
Create own versions of the key texts using small world and story props.
Show an interest in looking at books for pleasure and enjoyment
Write letters, cards and postcards in the post office role play area.

Physical Development

Explore weaving and threading.
Use squashing techniques including rolling pins to achieve desired effects.
Use mark-making tools to create texture and pattern.
Draw and mark make with increasing control.
Follow simple dance routines using a variety of movements - Fireworks and Diwali.
Demonstrate increasing awareness of the space around them.
Use scissors/training scissors to cut a variety of shapes and lines. and then apply these to create a gingerbread man.
Use mark making tools to represent The Gingerbread Man.
Put my wellies and coat and shoes on and off with increasing independence.

Key Vocabulary

Number names, add, plus, altogether, equals, calculation, subitise, one more/less, day, night, time, 3D shape, cylinder, sphere, cube, cuboid, cone, faces, edges, corners, sort

Key Vocabulary

Gingerbread Man, old man, old woman, boy, girl, cow, fox, oven, dog, pig, cockerel, cat, horse, bake, cook, river, retell, story, Christmas, Jesus, Joseph, Mary, Bethlehem, Wise men, king, shepherd, angel Gabriel, son, God, manger, stable, donkey, innkeeper, star

Key Vocabulary

Phoneme, beginning, middle, end, sequence, label, caption, Christmas, Jesus, Joseph, Mary, Bethlehem, Wise men, king, shepherd, angel Gabriel, son, God, manger, stable, donkey, innkeeper, star, write, letter, postcard

Key Vocabulary

Move, direction, pathway, level, space, instruction, dance, scissors, cut, sew, running stitch, needle, wool, Hold, pose, yoga, tweezer, snowflake, wrap, present, 3D shape names (see maths)

Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design	Religious Education
<p>Play in a group, extending and elaborating my play ideas.</p> <p>Collaborate and work together to create the Christmas production.</p> <p>Demonstrate confidence when performing the Christmas celebration.</p> <p>Have some awareness of my own feelings and begin to understand how this affects others.</p> <p>Listen to other people and play and work cooperatively.</p> <p>Begin to take turns with support when working in a small group.</p> <p>Enjoy the responsibility of carrying out small adult focused activities.</p> <p>Explore the Commando Joes Missions - Charlie Communication, Elliot Excellence, Parveen Positivity, Sophie Self Awareness & Twinkle, Twinkle.</p>	<p>Use the internet, books and resources to find out about why we celebrate Bonfire night.</p> <p>Explore a variety of materials.</p> <p>Begin to talk about a variety of materials and their properties.</p> <p>Explore what happens when we heat, cool and cook with a variety of ingredients - gingerbread men, jelly and chocolate.</p> <p>Create a shared map of the Gingerbread Man's journey from the oven to the river.</p> <p>Make and decorate Christmas biscuits.</p> <p>Find out what Christmas is like and how it is celebrated in different places around the world.</p> <p>Use the role play Post Office to explore letter writing and what happens when we send a letter.</p>	<p>Use a variety of tools/objects to effect changes to mediums and materials.</p> <p>Create simple mandala and rangoli patterns.</p> <p>Create a fireworks picture using paint.</p> <p>Use my knowledge of joining and attaching to create a Gingerbread man.</p> <p>Create a trap to catch the gingerbread man.</p> <p>Watch a musical re-telling of The Gingerbread Man featuring musicians from the BBC Philharmonic orchestra and instruments used.</p> <p>Sing songs for the Christmas celebrations.</p> <p>Create simple representations of the Christmas story using transient art.</p> <p>Show pattern and texture by adding dots.</p> <p>Explore printing, scrunching, tearing</p> <p>Design/create themed xmas cards/decorations using a variety of mediums and materials.</p>	<p>Explore the Hindu festival of Diwali - The Festival of Lights through the story of Rama and Sita.</p> <p>Explore why we have Remembrance Day.</p> <p>Explore the Hindu festival of Diwali.</p> <p>Explore why we have Remembrance Day.</p> <p>Talk about Christmas and that this Christian festival celebrates the birth of Jesus.</p> <p>Learn about the Christmas story using stories pictures, Godly play, transient art and small world play.</p> <p>Begin to understand that 'Jesus is the light of the World'.</p> <p>Explore the following Bible stories and Christian Values using Jack in the Box as inspiration:</p> <p>Noah's Ark - Trust & Promises</p> <p>Moses - Compassion & Hope</p> <p>Jonah and the Whale - Courage</p> <p>Daniel and the Lions - Joy</p>
<p>Key Vocabulary</p> <p>Feeling, happy, sad, worried, excited, nervous, good, achievement, choice, food, healthy, energy, grow, nutrition, poverty, Collaborate, confident, happy, sad, upset, worried, excited, listen, cooperate</p>	<p>Key Vocabulary</p> <p>What, when, where, Bonfire Night, explore, sort, classify, wood, plastic, metal, rubber, wool, rock, fabric, heat, cook, materials, rough, smooth, hard, soft, light, heavy, post, postbox, letter, postcard, stamp, parcel, mix, change, bake, cool, melt, stir, map, journey</p>	<p>Key Vocabulary</p> <p>Tool, technique, change, medium, materials, mandala, rangoli, firework, paint, attach, join, trap, instrument names, pattern, texture, dot, print, scrunch, tear, Christmas card, decoration</p>	<p>Key Vocabulary</p> <p>Respect, feeling, Hindu, Diwali, Rama, Sita, Remembrance Day, Bible, trust, promise, compassion, hope, courage, joy, Christmas, festival, birth, Jesus, advent, advent ring, Christingle, light of the world, celebrate</p>