

Nursery Mini Adventure Context Plan Autumn 2 - Hedgehogs & Christmas

Inspirations for Learning

- Hedgehogs
- Bonfire Night
- Christian festival of Christmas
- Christmas Play - The Sleepy Shepherd
- 3D shapes



Key Texts

- Say Hi to Hedgehogs!
- The Nutcracker
- The Christmas Story
- The Sleepy Shepherd

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

Through a variety of Independent and Adult Focused Activities I will be developing the following Skills, Knowledge and Understanding

Maths

I will...

- Use some number names and number language spontaneously during play
- Recites numbers in sequence
- 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, name and sort some basic 3D shapes

Key Vocabulary

Number names, how many, set, order, length, height, sort, 3D shape names - cube, cuboid, cylinder, pyramid, prism, sides, edges, corners

Communication and Language

I will...

- Listen carefully with increasing attention and recall
- Join in with repeated refrains and anticipate key events and phrases when listening to familiar stories
- 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

Key Vocabulary

Listen carefully, recall, familiar, instructions, perform, song, confidence

Literacy

I will...

- Join in with known parts of a familiar story/rhyme
- Show some awareness of the way stories are structured
- Describe main story settings, events and principle characters using relevant vocabulary
- Give meaning to the marks I make in my play and during adult focused tasks

Key Vocabulary

Listen carefully, story, setting, characters, events

Physical Development

I will...

- Move in different directions, using a variety of pathways and levels
- Move and stop on command
- Balance using some body parts
- Develop my pincer grasp through a variety of activities and challenges
- Use scissors with effect
- Show a preference for a dominant hand when mark making
- Fasten up the zip on my coat

Key Vocabulary

Dance, direction, pathway, level, balance, body part, move, stop, balance

Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design	Religious Education
I will... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select and use resources and activities • Play in a group, extending and elaborating my play ideas • Initiate play with others and offer cues for my friends to join me • Welcome and value praise for the things I have done. • Enjoy the responsibility of carrying out small adult focused task 	I will... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask and answer simple questions • Find about Guy Fawkes and The Gunpowder Plot using the internet • Find out and identify on a map of the UK where London is • Recognise the building 'The Houses of Parliament • Find out all about Hedgehogs using a variety of resources • Describe a variety of materials 	I will... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sing songs for the Christmas play • Show confidence when taking part in the Christmas play • Create simple representations of the Christmas story using a range of mediums and materials • Use a variety of materials and mediums to create artistic interpretations of a hedgehog • 	I will... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show some understanding that Christmas is an important Christian festival and that it celebrates the birth of Jesus • Begin to understand the significance of candles through the creation of an Advent Ring and Christingle and that they remind us 'Jesus is the light of the World'.
Key Vocabulary Kind, share, friendly, listen, select, use, resources, play, responsibility	Key Vocabulary Guy Fawkes, Gunpowder Plot, Houses of Parliament, London, Hedgehog, hoglet, mammal, hibernate, nest, prickles, nose, smell, body, predator, lifecycle, home, prickly, spikey, cone shaped face, night, nocturnal, hedgehog, hibernate, eyes, spikes, prickles	Key Vocabulary Christmas, mediums & materials (names of), representation, song,	Key Vocabulary Christmas, Christian, festival, celebrates, Jesus, birth, candle, advent ring, Christingle