



St Benedict's Infant School Reception Medium Term Planning Autumn 2 2024

Themes and special days

- Bonfire night/ Diwali
- Remembrance day
- Space- rockets and astronauts
- Planets and outer space
- Light and dark
- Winter
- Christmas/
- Nativity
- St Nicholas day 6/12
- Children in need

English

- Rhymes and poems: Fireworks
- Linked Text: How to catch a Star
- + Writing around How to Catch a Star
- Christmas list/ Christmas letter
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Little Wandle Phase 2

- Phonics sounds: ff ll ss j v w x y z zz qu ch sh th ng nk
- Tricky words: put* pull* full* as and has his her go no to into she push* he of we me be
- Reading: words with -s /s/ added at the end (hats sits) -words ending in s /z/ (his) and with -s /z/ added at the end (bags)
- Shared reading
- Pleasure for reading
- Daily Storytime
- Guided reading: decoding, Prosody, comprehension

Maths

- Represent 1,2,3
- Comparing 1 2 3
- Composition of 1,2,3
- Circles and triangles
- Position
- 4, 5
- 4 sided shapes
- Night and day

Physical development

- Pen disco
- Name writing (tracing/ copying/ individual letter support),
- cutting skills/ fine motor activities
- Squiggle it: 1: lines 2: loops 3: circles and dots 4: wavy lines 5: curve over 6: curve under 7: zigzags 8: disco rays 9: spirals 10: tricky loops
- PE lessons: Unit – High, Low, Over, Under
- Climbing frame weekly

Space

Big question: What can you see in Space?

Expressive arts and design

- Draw the things I see around me, making simple representations: **winter objects, Christmas, diwali artefacts.**
- Use drawing to represent ideas: **fireworks and drawing**
- Explore, use and refine artistic effects- **brush painting, chalk, drawing, finger painting, paint flicking and printing.**
- Explore and use the work of **Calude Monet** as inspiration for my own artwork: **poppies group project.**
- Explore and use the artwork of **Van Gogh** (starry night) as inspiration for my own artwork.
- Look at and explore art from around the world: **rangoli patterns**
- Join items using **tape and glue: making rockets**
- Explore, use and refine artistic and design effects: **moulding clay divas, make a moving rocket picture, Diwali cards.**
- Design and create products for a purpose **Diwali and Christmas cards.**
- Recreate roles & experiences in play situations: **Diwali, Christmas, Nativity story, Winter, arctic animals, snow play, space, rocket launch, night time**
- **Nativity performance**
- Charanga Music: My Stories Unit

PSHE/SMSC/FBV British values: Mutual Tolerance

- All cultures are celebrated: Hannukah, St Nicholas, Thanksgiving
- We all share and respect the opinions of others.
- Mutual tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith: celebrating festivals: Diwali, Christmas

Understanding the world

- Know how to operate simple equipment and understand their function: cameras, ipads, Interactive whiteboard, battery operated toys, torch, lightbox, microwave
- Switched on to computing unit: We are DJs
- Consider why and how **Hindus celebrate Diwali**
- Consider why and how **Remembrance Sunday** is marke.
- Consider why and how **Christians celebrate Christmas.**
- **Understand why people perform Nativity plays and where the first ones came from.**
- Consider **St Nicholas Day** and How it is celebrated
- Observe and describe seasonal changes in **winter- ice exploration**
- Consider how animals and humans prepare for winter. Explore migration and hibernation **making animal dens**
- Know that we live planet Earth, name the planets, know some features of outer space
- Know that darkness is caused by the absence of light, Can talk about light sources and explore shadows
- Explore forces- how things fall
- Know about famous people in history: first man in space- **Neil Armstrong**
- Sharing grandparent's first-hand experiences of watching the moon landing 1969
- Know about **old and more modern rockets**

Personal, social and emotional development

- Know how to stay safe: How do we stay safe around fire.
- Know how to manage my self-care and personal hygiene:
- Consider bedtime routines and why sleep is important. Jigsaw Unit – Celebrating differences