

Class: Willow EYFS
Term: 2

Communication and Language

During this term, we will continue to focus on developing language through a broad range of activities. Exposing the children to so many experiences on the run up to Christmas will indeed generate lots of talk.

We will focus on talking about children's experience of fireworks and bonfire related events as well as talking about their holiday news. We know the one thing that children love to talk about is themselves and things that interest them!

Listening to one another at carpet times can be tricky, this will remain a next step for lots of children to be able to listen attentively and when talking show awareness of the listener.

You can help at home by chatting about daily activities, encouraging your child to use longer, more complex sentences such as describing objects and events.

R.E..

Focus: Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?

In this unit the children will learn about the Nativity story. They will understand how and why this is a significant story for Christians. They will learn to connect with the idea of Jesus as an adult and not just a baby. They will also develop knowledge of this as a bible story, understanding Christmas as a Christmas festival.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be using our all together time to enable the children to talk about what they have achieved, share their good ideas and describe themselves in positive terms.

In our everyday play we will be continuing to develop relationships, understanding how to recognize our own and other's feelings and solve problems without aggression.

We will continue to support children in building friendships, initiating conversations and building on and elaborating on ideas as they play.

Understanding of the World

This term we will be developing the children's knowledge of animals and their habitats. The children will be finding out about where animals live, what they eat and even who eats them when we will take a look at food chains!

During this topic the children will develop skills in questioning, classifying and noticing similarities and differences.

We will also be looking at seasonal changes as the Autumn turns to winter.

Maths

In maths we will be focusing on numbers to 3, recognizing the numbers, counting the same number of objects, finding out one more and one less and doubling and halving. We will also focus on positional language. Finally our focus will be on numbers to 5 and learning one more and one less. The children will spend time exploring shapes and talking about different time elements such as 'night' and 'day'.

Quest: Remember, Remember!

In this quest the children will be exploring bonfire night and how it came about. They will learn that events happened before their time.

Literacy

Key Text: The Rainbow Fish

This term will begin by enjoying the story of The Rainbow Fish. The children will then learn a similar story and use this to develop a similar story of their own. They will be encouraged to use story tellers words to tell their own story and perhaps even have a go at showing their story through pictures and words.

Everyday we will be reading a different story which the children vote for.

There will be lots of opportunity for mark making and developing writing sounds in words.

You can help at home by creating opportunities for writing and asking your child about what they would like it to say.

Music

Focus: My Stories

In this unit of work the children will be:

Using the story 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen we will be learning to add sounds to the narration for extra drama! The children will be using body percussion, vocal sounds and instruments to accompany the story.

Physical Development

In P.E. lessons :Social Skills

In this unit the children will have the opportunity to develop their social skills through a range of activities and sports. They will be focussing on Playing with others, taking turns, sharing with others and working sensibly.

Fine and Gross Motor Skills

Daily activities will take place in order to develop the children's fine motor skills. The children know that at this time they take part in finger strengthening activities and also exercises to develop stronger bodies. When children are choosing their own learning there is lots of opportunity for gross motor skills, using the bikes, swinging tyres and much more. We will also develop formation of letter shapes in writing .

Health and Self-Care

This term the children will have the opportunity to learn more about what it means to be healthy. We will be using snack times to make healthy food choices as well as promoting discussions. Most children are now able to put on their own coats, we will

Expressive Arts and Design

During this term the children will be creating firework art, playing imaginatively in the home corner and the all new vets role play. They will be using the stage outside to create stories and perhaps even sing some Christmas songs. There will be lots of different Christmas crafts on offer as well as learning some brilliant new art techniques!