

**Prime Area Focus: C&L Listening & Attention – ‘**

Listening and maintaining focus and attention during class carpet time sessions and group learning time. (30-50M)  
Maintains attention, concentrates and sits quietly during appropriate activity. (40-60M)

**Specific Area Focus: M – ‘Shape space and measure’**

Shows awareness of shapes and patterns in the environment. Making arrangements and patterns with different shapes to make pictures. (house, rocket, train etc) (30-50M)  
Describing the properties of different 2d shapes, using mathematical language (40-60M)

**Home Learning partnership and celebrating our cultural capital:**

Celebrating our own art creations, our likes and dislikes in relation to our own art projects and also pictures by the artist of the month. Opportunity to express our opinions and views during group discussions.

Talk about their experiences and what they have learnt at home with their families. Sharing knowledge about family traditions related to cultural and religious festivals.

**Chipstead Valley Nursery: Planning commencing 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – ‘Shapes and Patterns’**

**WOW Factors / Special Experiences:**

To learn about the Hindu religious Festival of Light ‘Diwali’. Making a Rangoli hand shaped Tile / Diva lamp to commemorate this.  
Shape hunt - Looking and shapes and patterns in our environment.

**Key Books and Stories:**

Norman the slug with the Silly Shell / Barry the Fish with Fingers  
Sue Hendra  
Round is a Mooncake, Roseanne Thong  
Factual books about Diwali

**Key Language:**

Shape, triangle, square, circle, rectangle, pentagon, hexagon diamond heart, star, oval, 3d shape 2d shape, exploring, properties, side, Festival, Diwali, light, Hindu, celebration

**Focus activities:**

**Week 1**

Choice of clay model Rangoli patterned hand / diva lamps to celebrate Diwali

**Week 2**

2D Shape hunt around the Nursery classroom.

**Free flow activities:**

Creating rangoli patterns with coloured rice and PVA glue  
Transient art on lightbox using various shapes and objects.

**Carpet time discussions:**

‘What’s in the bag’ shape game.  
Talking about the properties of the main shapes. Number of sides / equal length / curved etc

‘I am a shape’ (Mister Maker) clips

**Key British Values / Characteristics of Effective Learning :**

**Tolerance and Respect of all: ‘We like to find out about different cultures and respect one another’.**

Giving children the chance to learn about different ways of life and cultures and to respect everyone.

**Democracy : ‘We like to make our own choices about what we learn and how we play’ .**

Giving Children have the opportunity to decide what to play with and set the strategy and pace for their learning.  
Following children’s’ interests.

**Liberty: ‘We share our feelings and talk about these together’.**

Engaging children in conversations about how they are feeling, their preferences about what they are discovering about the current topic.

**Areas of Learning and Development:**

**PSED: ‘self confidence and self awareness’ –** can select and use activities and resources with help from teacher.

**C&L: ‘listening and attention’ – see focus**

**PD: ‘moving and handling’** beginning to draw lines and circles using gross motor movements. Beginning to use tripod pencil grasp, with good control.

**L: ‘writing’ –** mark making using a range of one-handed tools and equipment. Such as colouring pencils and pens.

**M: ‘shape space measure’ – see focus .**

**UW: ‘technology –**recognises that technology is used for specific purposes. Using smart board to draw shapes and patterns.

**EAD: ‘Exploring and using media and materials’ –** creating pictures related to the artist of the month. Creating pictures using shapes to represent pictures.

**Continuous provision outdoor:**

Climbing frame / sand pit / water table / construction large loose parts / reading house / writing area / hoops & balls / scooters and trikes

**Continuous provision indoor:**

Home corner / arts and crafts / role play dressing up / construction / small world / messy play / lightbox / book corner.

**Artist of the Month:**

**Wassily Kandinsky – Abstract artist. (See board for ideas)**