

### Physical Development

We will be continuing our Muddy Monday sessions where the children get the chance to explore the woods. We will also be introducing the RSVP Wild Challenge where the children have to complete challenges to earn certificates. In our Christmas Production, the children will further develop their gross motor skills through dance!

### Understanding the World

We will be comparing traditions and festivals in different cultures, such as Diwali and Bonfire Night. We will be looking at the Christmas Story as part of our R.E learning and exploring the narrative through our Christmas Production.

### Communication and Language

We will be carrying out the NELI screening to assess the children's listening and communication skills. From this, we will be able to put interventions in place to support children if needed. We continue to develop the children's vocabulary through a range of texts and encourage them to speak using full sentences.

### Personal Social Emotional Development

This half-term, we will continue to follow the wellbeing curriculum and look at how our actions affect others and celebrate our differences. The children are now more familiar with using our zones of regulation and are moving their names to indicate which colour they are feeling, e.g. green for calm.

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## **Festivals and Food**

### Expressive Arts & Design

We will be continuing to explore the different resources and practising skills such as cutting, folding and sticking a range of mediums. As part of our Christmas production, we will be singing a range of songs and dancing in time to the rhythm. The children will also have the opportunity to express themselves through acting and delivering their lines through expression and volume.

### Literacy

We will be starting our new Phonics scheme FFT Success for All and beginning to learn the single letter sounds and digraphs. In writing, we will be beginning to write cvc words and even simple sentences! The children will read a range of familiar texts relating to our topic including Funnybones and Room on the Broom for Halloween, The Gruffalo's Child and Stick Man for Christmas.

### Mathematics

We will continue to follow the Mastering Number and White Rose schemes. The children are developing their numerical skills and relating it to everyday life. We are continuing to make numbers to five using a range of manipulatives. The children will also begin to look at repeating patterns, length and mass.