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Prime Area: Communication and Language

- Use and learn new vocabulary linked to the topic.
- Sit and listen for a whole-class story.
- Using story props, retell our familiar stories.
- Show an understanding of prepositions by finding Percy's friends *hidden under, on top and behind* objects.
- Talk about wider topics of importance to them.
- Asks *who, what, where* and *when* questions.

Prime Area: Physical Development

- Gross Motor; PE -Basic ball skills; Kicking, throwing and catching.
- Moving arms and hands to throw and catch.
- Underhand throwing, underhand rolling and catching.
- Explores mark making tools in a variety of ways.
- Copying patterns with objects and mark making tools.



Prime Area: Personal, Social and Emotional development

SCARF Units: Valuing Difference; Looking at how our clay hedgehog creations are similar but different. Describing animals by their features, looking at our own similarities and differences. Self-Regulation- Respond to instructions and ideas in whole-class situations. Building Positive Relationships-Work Together- Share, turn-take and be considerate of peers in Nursery. Managing Self- Confidence to try new activities and talk to peers in Nursery.

Specific Area: Literacy

- Use new vocabulary we acquire from texts.
- Copying initial letters from our names.
- Invitations to a party.
- Drawing/Writing letters to Father Christmas.
- Technology- Typing letters on a keyboard from own name and parcels.
- Phonics- Phase 1- Building on Aspect 2 -Tuning into sounds and Aspect 3 -developing an awareness to rhythm.

Seasons and Celebrations!

Role Play Area; Campfire and then Percy the Park Keeper's Shed.

Visitors; Donkeys and Father Christmas

Trips & Visits; Getting the bus to Barton Grange!



Religious Education -Universal Church and Advent

- Other World Religion- Hindu, Diwali. The story of Rama and Sita, How Hindus celebrate Diwali, creating Diva lamps
- Hearing that Mary was going to have a baby and his name would be Jesus.
- Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
- The shepherd hurried to visit baby Jesus.
- To know the tradition of the crib.
- To know what an advent wreath is.
- To take part and perform in a Nativity.

Specific Area: Expressive Arts and Design

- Make -explore junk model and woodwork.
- Discuss what they like/dislike about their models.
- Singing- familiar nursery rhymes and learning new Christmas songs.
- Outdoor Learning Day- Searching for Spider's Webs, Listening to stories in the willow dome and toasting marshmallow on the fire pit to make s'mores.

Specific Area: Mathematics

Money- Understand that we need to pay for things. In real-life on our trips to Barton Grange on the bus.

Weight- Seeing how the Post Office weighs parcels and presents. Weighting baking ingredients.

Time- Knows the Nursery routine and understands other significant times e.g. birthdays, Christmas.

Specific Area: Understanding the World

- Discuss seasons and weather changing. (Autumn Focus)
- Collecting Autumn treasures in the forest and EY Yard.
- Celebrate Diwali with Mrs English. (12.11.23)
- Outdoor Learning Day- Looking at the local area in and around school.
- Technology -Learning to mix media off screen and then how to use 2 Simple to draw, change colours and the thickness of lines on screen.



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Welcome back!

This is the second half of our Autumn Term. This half term is always a busy one with the run up to Christmas, but it is also an exciting time for the children too! Our PE day continues to be on a Thursday and Yoga on a Wednesday. Please make sure on both of these days your child is in suitable clothing and footwear that they can move about in easily. As always if you have any questions or concerns please speak to a member of staff in Nursery. Mrs Thomas checks her emails regularly vthomas@englishmartyrs.lancs.sch.uk or you can call us on 01772 258476

The best way to know what is happening in school is to download the school app.

Photos can also be found on the Instagram and Facebook pages.

Key Dates:

Thursday 2nd November -Outdoor Learning Day

Friday 10th November -Celebrating Diwali

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th December Cheeky Cherubs Performance.

TBC -Bus Trip to Barton Grange

Father Christmas and Donkeys visit.

Monday 18th December Special visitors in school!

Friday 22nd December -Finish school for the Christmas Holidays.

Key Vocabulary:

Hindu, Diwali, Diva Lamp, Light, Lakshmi, Rangoli Patterns, Festival, Celebration.

Seasons; Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter.

Park Keeper, shed, tools, rabbit, fox, mouse,

Weight, weighing scales

Money, Pay, Cost and change.

Christmas, Jesus, Nativity, Angel Gabriel, Shepherd, King, Wise Man, Stable, Crib,

Bethlehem, Advent Wreath, Advent, Coming, Candle, Hope, Love, Christ, Joy, Peace

Father Christmas, Santa, Reindeer, Elf.

If you speak another language at home, please learn these words and speak them in your mother tongue too!

Key Texts this half term... These include the images below but also lots of Christmas stories as we approach the festive season!

