

Expressive Art & Design

- Colour mixing- Creating firework pictures
- Winter collages- Collecting materials from around school to create texture
- 3D modelling- Rockets, presents
- Christmas tree decorations
- Wedding decorations
- Learning songs for wedding linked with actions
- Learning songs for Christmas production linked with actions
- Performing firework poems using instruments to create appropriate sounds

Provision Links

- Art/Craft Area – Winter artwork
- Music Area – Winter rhymes and puppets, instruments
- DT- Christmas decoration making

Upper Foundation Stage Curriculum Links

Autumn 2

Let's Celebrate



Enrichment:

Visit local church – Wedding ceremony

Immersion:

Understanding the World

- Festivals – Halloween, Bonfire Night, Christmas
- Wedding discuss why people get married
- Theme: Christmas Key Question: What is Christmas? Religion: Christianity
- Look at changes in winter. Can they complete a winter walk around the grounds? What do the children notice?
- Animals in winter- How do they survive?

Provision Links

- Investigation Area- Dark den with nighttime features to explore, torches, reflectors
- Small World- Winter wonderland
- Water Tray- Ice investigation
- Role Play- Variety of dress up clothing/materials (different cultures)

Mathematics

- Look at numbers of personal significance- Link to ages, birthdays, house numbers
- Estimate how many sandwiches we would need for our wedding party- Work in small groups
- Wedding hats- Constructing with 2D shapes-Extend to 3D
- Number rhymes- '5 little pumpkins, fireworks, snowmen'
- Ordering numbers- parcels, fireworks
- Weight- Parcels look at comparing using- heavier, lighter
- Patterns- Shapes, repeating patterns etc

Provision Links

- Maths area – Boxing presents- identifying correct shaped box to use
- Play dough – Wedding buffet making correct amount of buns/sandwiches etc
- DT area- Santa's workshop/ wedding presents- Making models 3D shapes
- Water- Snowflakes/ice cubes to match number and quantity
- Role play- Washing lines with numbered scarves to order.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Night time/ Road safety- Role play crossing the road. Take small groups into locality to cross roads safely to get to the park etc.
- Discussing own knowledge of weddings or other celebrations that are familiar to them
- Look at working together to create something- Turn taking, working together, problem solving.
- Encouraging children to ask for help if needed

Provision Links

- Writing area- Traditions- Writing cards, gift tags etc
- Small world- Re-enacting weddings, nativity, Christmas scenes
- Role Play- Role playing celebrations
- Playdough- Traditional foods

Communication & Language

- Discuss what we know about different celebrations
- Wedding- Talk that is involved
- Collecting words to describe winter
- Role playing and using the language involved in different celebrations- Weddings, Birthdays
- Listening to stories about key themes
- Christmas production

Provision Links

- Reading area – Books about winter, celebrations, festivals, Christmas, dark non-fiction about family
- Small world- Dolls house to re-enact celebrations
- Music area- Puppets/Props linked to stories
- Role play- Acting out celebrations and using language involved.

Physical Development

- Hygiene involved in cooking- Sequence hand washing
- Experimenting with different ways of moving- Fireworks!
- Learning dance for Wedding
- Learning movements needed for Christmas production
- Manipulates tools to create decorations, models, invites, presents, dough objects
- Showing understanding of safety- Crossing roads

Provision Links

- Water area – Hand washing role play- pictures on washing line to sequence
- Outside- Props to practice crossing roads
- Music area- Instruments to create music to move to

Literacy

- Meg and Mog- retelling story, sequencing, feelings, setting description
- Letters to Santa- Record these using microphones/IPads
- Instructions- Crossing road, Bonfire night safety
- Wedding invitations
- Snow bear, the first Christmas books
- Santa's journey- Can children track Santa? Record his journey?
- Listening and joining in with firework poems

Provision Links

- Reading area – Books about winter, celebrations, festivals, Christmas, dark non-fiction about family
- Writing area- Cards, gift tags, invitations, list templates
- Small world- Invites- Inviting people to join in celebrations
- Music area- Puppets/Props linked to stories