

Parents- Over the page, you will find the suggested topic plan for the upcoming half term. The overall topic name for this half term is **Festivals of Light** and this has been split into smaller weekly topics.

Each week your children will be involved in a short planning session where we will share the weekly topic with them for the following week. They will then make suggestions about what they would like to learn about as well as any activities that they would like to do. We also value your ideas and would appreciate it if you could look at the topic plan and record any suggestions of any activities/ trips/ visitors on the slip below. All of the ideas we receive from both you and your children, as well as our own, will enable us to plan the most valuable learning opportunities possible.

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Parents Planning Ideas- Topic: **Festivals of Light**

Parents name:.....

Suggestions:

Week 1

Bonfire Night

Week 2

Diwali

Week 3

Winter

Week 4

**Winter/Ice
exploration**

Week 7

Christmas crafts

Festivals of Light

Nursery Autumn 2

These are the suggested topics that we will be covering during the upcoming half term. These topics may change according to the children's interests and any particular 'next steps' that we identify.

Week 6

**Christmas
crafts**

Week 5

Christmas Nativity

Creative Development

This half term we will be using our imagination to develop our role-play skills and incorporate this into our story telling. We will explore musical instruments and how their sounds can be changed as well as tapping out simple repeated rhythms. We will begin to develop our language to describe the texture of objects. We will be learning a range of Christmas songs and acting in our Christmas performance!

Personal, Social and Emotional

We will continue to develop our social skills, learning how to use our communication skills to solve a problem rather than physical actions and becoming upset. We will continue to learn how to make friends and invite others to play our games. We will explore the snack bar and use it independently, helping ourselves to fruit and milk. During circle time sessions, we will develop our understanding of the importance of taking it in turns to speak and using eye contact when we talk.

Mathematics

During mathematics we will continue to develop our range of counting strategies through the use of fingers, movement, marks and objects. We will continue to count groups of objects using the touch and count approach and will explore quantities with more and less. We will begin to identify numbers in the environment and develop our skills to answer number problems.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

We will be thinking about the winter time and the changes that occur to the natural environment during the winter season. We will explore hibernation and weather changes. We will investigate ice and what happens when it becomes warm.

Here is a summary of the skills that the children will be concentrating on and developing this half term.

Communication and Language

This half term we will be learning how to use our words to solve a problem. We will think about sentence structure and begin to use more complex sentences with connectives such as 'and' or 'because'. We will explore the importance of a two way conversation and how to respond to someone appropriately.

Physical Development

During our Physical session this half term, we will be learning to develop our skills of balance, coordination, control, hand eye movement and aim. We will continue to develop our independence by dressing ourselves to go outdoors and we will be thinking about moving our bodies carefully around the environment so as not to hurt others. We will explore the equipment in dance, climbing over and under as well as improving our balance.

Letters and Sounds

This half term, we will begin to explore body sounds and ways that we can make our own music. We will use mirrors to explore the shapes of our mouths as we talk, making loud sounds and quiet sounds. We will focus on hearing and identifying the initial sound of our name, moving onto the final sound.