

This topic plan gives you an overview of some of the things that we will be learning about in nursery this half term to help you support your child's learning at home. We also plan activities linked to children's interests which may not be included on this sheet. Weekly planning is displayed on the nursery noticeboard.

### Communication and Language/Literacy

- Sharing and retelling traditional stories especially Gingerbread Man and The Three Billy Goats Gruff
- Continue to support name writing
- Mark-making in the writing area using a wide range of equipment
- Early phonics games - listening games, rhyming games, oral blending (e.g. can you find the c-a-t? No written letters used at this stage)
- Imaginative play and storytelling with puppets and small world toys
- Learning shapes and winter related rhymes/songs

### Physical Development

- Outdoor play - using bikes, creating obstacle courses, climbing equipment, tunnels, balls, hoops etc. Developing throwing and catching skills
- Fine motor skills activities e.g. tracing, cutting, threading, chopping etc.
- Using a range of different fasteners to join paper/card e.g. glue, treasury tags, split pins
- Using simple tools e.g. scissors, hole punch, knives for spreading and chopping
- Dance and co-ordination activities using Activate, Sticky Kids, Wiggle and Giggle
- FMS finger exercises to strengthen finger muscles in preparation for developing a good pencil grip

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Encouraging sharing and turn-taking
- Reinforcing behaviour expectations through the use of stickers and smiley face charts
- Co-operative group activities e.g. group creative activities, small group games, domino
- Discussing feelings - happy/sad, anxious, scared/frightened, angry, worried, excited

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### People Around the World/ Shapes/Winter/ Traditional Stories

### Mathematics

- Counting/number games on the interactive whiteboard
- Number recognition activities
- Continue to learn the names and properties of shapes: circle, square, rectangle, triangle
- Shape collections and matching activities
- Using language relating to size (e.g. big/middle-sized/small linked to traditional stories)
- Introduce vocabulary to describe differences in size long/er/est and short/er/est
- Weighing for baking activities

### Expressive Arts and Design

- Creative activities linked to shapes
- Winter related creative activities e.g. cotton wool snowmen, making snowflakes, white chalk pictures.
- Painting/drawing story characters
- Exploring different materials e.g. ice, cornflour, clay, playdough
- Using different construction kits e.g. Lego, Mobilo, Duplo
- Role Play - Winter Wonderland
- Songs and rhymes relating to winter/shapes/stories
- Listening to music from other cultures

### Understanding the World

- Discussing the features of Winter
- Discussing the care of wildlife during Winter e.g. feeding the birds
- Arctic/winter small world play
- Learning about other countries and cultures
- Learn to respect the customs and beliefs of others
- Using the interactive whiteboard to access games, drawing programmes, songs etc.
- Using the listening centre to listen to story CDs.
- Learning about Chinese New Year