

Physical Development

This half term we will be starting our PE lessons, focussing on movement and dance. Your child will have been allocated their colour group so please ensure that your child has their correct coloured top ready for their lessons. These will be kept at school and sent home for a wash at the end of the half term.

What can you do at home?

Ensure your child can get dressed completely independently – set fun timers to see how quickly they can achieve their changing time.

Play your favourite music around the house, can the children respond to what they hear with their movements?

Can they show you their new dance moves at home?

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term the children will be managing their emotions and their excitement in their build up to the festive period. We will be working on their self confidence through rehearsals of our Christmas show, as well as supporting them to develop in their day to day learning.

What can you do at home?

Encourage your child to perform their new songs with you at home.

Play a variety of turn taking games – Uno, Jenga etc.

We will also be exploring routines including health and self-care – can you child become independent in teeth cleaning, getting washed and dressed ready for the day.

Discuss with your child healthy foods they could eat through the winter to keep away the germs!

Communication and Language

We will continue to explore vocabulary learnt throughout our focus texts. Perhaps you could share these stories at home with your children with a physical book or a YouTube version?

What can you do at home?

Talk about the seasons – what do you notice on the way to and from school around you?

Observe with your child how they might dress differently in the colder weather and why?

Maths

We will be exploring the following mathematical concepts in class this half term:

- It's me 1,2,3
- Numbers to 5
- Geometry and Spatial Thinking

What can you do at home?

Make a timetable at home that you can use with your child to support their concept of time and routine.

Make a moon diary with your child – what do they notice about the moon before they go to bed. Can they draw a picture of what they see, what is the same and different over time?

Showtime! Autumn 2

This half term we are getting ready for our Christmas show – The Twinkly Nativity!

We have some exciting workshops coming up including our GLOW Disco and our fireworks music workshop! We also have whole school events such as the light trail and a performance of Sleeping Beauty for our Christmas panto!

Literacy

By now your child should have consolidated their phase 2 sounds that we had been learning last half term. This half term we will be learning new sounds and working on our blending skills.

**The sounds we will be learning this half term are:
ff,ll,ss,j,v,w,x,y,z,qu,ch,sh,th,ng,nk and review**

What can you do at home?

Continue to read with your child as much as possible, supporting their segmenting and blending skills.

Go on a sound hunt around a local space (the park, the shop etc) how many sounds can you find?

Revise previous tricky words with your child and keep an eye out for the new tricky book mark that will have new ideas to support your child.

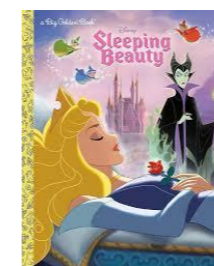
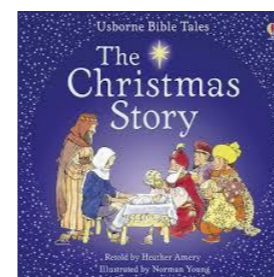
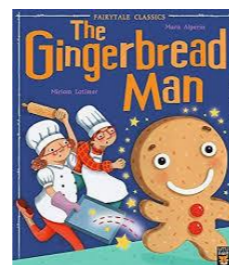
Expressive Art and Design

We will be exploring music and sound through the themes of fireworks and our Nativity songs.

What can you do at home?

Make your own musical instrument with left over recycling – can you make a shaker and draw a firework that would match the sound?

Books we will be sharing this half term:



Understanding the World

We will be exploring the birth of Jesus in our Christmas story.

What can you do at home?

Talk with your child about the beliefs of your family and how that might be different from others.

Useful links:

<http://www.peepandthebigwideworld.com/en/kids/pathways/4/light-and-color/games/html5/1/night-light/>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/topics/autumn>

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