

Half Term Planning Overview
Preschool Autumn 2- Celebrations

Curriculum Area	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4		Week 5		Week 6		Week 7	
	Fireworks Sparks in the Sky		Celebrations From Around The World Remembrance		Celebrations- birthdays, wedding, christenings etc...		Nativity		Advent Merry Whatmas Christmas Performance		The Gingerbread Man		Christmas Stories	
	Learning Objective	Activity outline	Learning Objective	Activity outline	Learning Objective	Activity outline	Learning Objective	Activity outline	Learning Objective	Activity outline	Learning Objective	Activity outline	Learning Objective	Activity outline
Communication and Language	To retell events and experiences	During circle time discuss going to a fireworks display and half term.	To retell events and experiences	Talk about the weather and the changes that's happening. What do you do when it is cold?	To retell events and listen to our classmates	Talk about our experience of woodland animals- visits to Tiggy Winkles	To listen and join in with familiar stories	Talk about the story of Christmas. To learn the characters of the story.	To retell events and listen to our classmates	Talk about getting ready for Christmas and how we decorate our houses.	To listen and join in with familiar stories	Listen to the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. Join in and retell the story together	To listen to our friends and talk about our own experiences	Talk about our wishes for Christmas and share how we are celebrating at home
Physical Development	To move around with increased spatial awareness	To move to music creating firework movements Scarf dancing	To move in a variety of ways	Scarf dance and finger exercises	To move in a variety of ways	During FS move like a variety of woodland animals- fly like birds, run like a fox	To move in a variety of ways	Squiggle while you wiggle- try different movements and then draw patterns	To move around with increased spatial awareness	Squiggle while you wiggle- try different movements and then draw patterns	To move around with increased spatial awareness	Squiggle while you wiggle- try different movements and then draw patterns	To develop our fine motor skills	Make Christmas tree cards by snipping green triangles Weave ribbon to 'sew' stockings
Personal social and emotional development PSHE / 1	To select and use activities and resources, with help when needed.	Various Firework activities, craft and other.	To recognise the people who are special to us and why	To think about Remembrance Sunday and who is special to us.	To take part in the Good Samaritan Challenge	Make cheerio bird feeders with pipe cleaners to hang in the FS area	To select and use activities and resources, with help when needed.	Role play the story together with the small world set.	To select and use activities and resources, with help when needed.	Various Christmas activities/ crafts	To welcome our new children to PS	Hold settling sessions for the new children. Enc the older children	To discuss our wishes for Christmas	Talk about our wishes for Christmas and share how we are celebrating at home

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PSHE / 2	To talk about what makes me happy	Continue with 'Teddy Time' to discuss what makes us happy.	To talk about what makes me happy	When talking about remembrance, remind ourselves of the good things we have now and today.	To talk about what makes me happy	Continue with 'Teddy Time' to discuss what makes us happy.	To understand gradually how others might be feeling	Circle time- talk about Christmas and how it makes us feel. Talk about the busy times and the fun times.	To understand gradually how others might be feeling	Circle time- talk about Christmas and how it makes us feel. Talk about the busy times and the fun times.			To talk about what makes me happy	Continue with 'Teddy Time' to discuss what makes us happy.
Literacy	To listen to the story 'Sparks in the Sky' and discuss.	Circle time talking about own experiences . Talk through key vocabulary	To listen and respond to stories with relevant comments or questions		To listen and respond to stories with relevant comments or questions	Share and discuss this week's stories- Wide awake Hedgehog and Little Owl	To listen and respond to stories with relevant comments or questions	Ask questions about the Christmas story	To listen to the story 'Merry Whatmas and discuss.	Talk about how not everyone likes Christmas and to be sensitive to others	To listen and join in with familiar stories	Listen to the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. Join in and retell the story together	To ascribe meaning to their own marks	Encourage the children to write a letter to Santa, can they make marks and explain what they mean?
Phonics	Phase 1 – Aspects 1, 2 and 3	Singing familiar rhymes and songs Playing listening games Making different firework	Phase 1 – Aspects 1, 2 and 3	Singing familiar rhymes and songs Playing listening games Themed tuff trays and	Phase 1 – Aspects 1, 2 and 3	Singing familiar rhymes and songs Playing listening games Autumn listening activity	Phase 1 – Aspects 1, 2 and 3	Singing familiar rhymes and songs Playing listening games	Phase 1 – Aspects 1, 2 and 3	Singing familiar rhymes and songs Playing listening games	Phase 1 – Aspects 1, 2 and 3	Singing familiar rhymes and songs Playing listening games	Phase 1 – Aspects 1, 2 and 3	Singing Christmas rhymes and songs Playing listening games

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		noises using our voices		musical instruments		Autumn Sound Story PowerPoint.pptx								
Maths	To begin to recognise when a quantity is the same To recognise number 3	To sort firework pictures which have the same amount on them and match them with a numeral. Number 3 recognition and counting activities	To begin to recognise when a quantity is the same To recognise number 4	Number 4 recognition and counting activities	To begin to match numbers and objects by counting accurately To recognise number 5	Hedgehog peg matching activity N2- to 3/5 N1- counting as part of CI initiated activities Number 3 recognition and counting activities	To begin to match numbers and objects by counting accurately To recognise number 5	Make a class advent calendar. Talk about counting down the days or how many sleeps Number 5 recognition and counting activities	To recognise number 5	Number 5 recognition and counting activities	To recognise number 5	Number 5 recognition and counting activities	To name some 2D shapes	Introduce a shape each day- square, circle, triangle and rectangle. Hunt for shapes around PS
Expressive Art and Design CRAFT	To use different tools for different effects	Children to use a range of ways of making marks with paint to create firework pictures e.g. splatter, fork, toilet roll tube.	To use different tools for different effects	Poppy crafts	To collage with a range of materials	Use a range of materials to make Hedgehog s- art straws/ lolly sticks/ match sticks. Ripped paper owl collage	To use different tools for different effects	Christmas craft- hats for show, Christmas cards, Hanging Christmas decorations	To use different tools for different effects	Christmas craft- hats for show, Christmas cards, Hanging Christmas decorations	To explore a range of media and materials	Make and decorate salt dough gingerbread man Christmas decorations	To explore a range of media and materials (Christmas craft)	Handprint Angels Christmas cards Stockings Collage baubles

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Expressive Art and design Music/dance/small world	To learn new songs with actions	Begin to learn Christmas performance songs	To learn new songs with actions	Begin to learn Christmas performance songs	To learn new songs with actions	Begin to learn Christmas performance songs	To learn new songs with actions	Begin to learn Christmas performance songs	To learn new songs with actions	Perform Christmas performance songs!	To learn new songs with actions		To sing familiar songs and rhymes	Sing a variety of Christmas songs
Expressive Art and design Role play	To take part in guided role-play in the home corner	Dark tent – explore different lights inside a dark tent.	To take part in guided role-play in the home corner	Guided role-play in the home corner	To take part in guided role-play in the home corner	Guided role-play in the home corner	To take part in guided role-play in the home corner	Help tidy and put away home corner to make a Santas workshop	To take part in guided role-play in the home corner	Help tidy and put away home corner to make a Santas workshop	To listen to Gingerbread Man story telling	Make gingerbread man stick puppets and retell the story together	Guided role-play in Santa’s toy workshop	Guided role play in Santa’s toy workshop
Understanding of the world	To learn about celebrations – fireworks Fireworks safety	Talk about fireworks and experiences Talk about fireworks safety	To learn about Remembrance Day	Discuss soldiers and animal and why we wear poppies to remember them- 2 minute silence	To learn about woodland animals	Learn about hedgehogs and owls. Introduce and discuss words- nocturnal and hibernate Make bird feeders	To learn about traditions-Christmas	Talk about Christmas traditions	To learn about traditions-Christmas	Talk about Christmas traditions	To notice changes in materials	Mix and knead salt dough for our Christmas decorations	To learn about the Christian Christmas story	Share the story ‘The First Christmas’ . Dress up and act out the story together