

The characteristics of effective learning- **playing and exploring, active learning and creating and thinking critically**, underpin learning and development across all areas and support the child to remain an effective and motivated learner.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

Can express their feelings and consider the feelings of others.
Can manage their own needs.
Can build constructive and respectful relationships.

Communication and Language

Can learn new vocabulary.
Can ask questions to find out more.
Can connect one idea to another using a range of connectives.
Can engage in storytimes.

Physical Development

Refine existing movement skills such as running, jumping, hopping and climbing.
Use a range of tools including scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery.

Literacy

Can read individual letters by saying their sound.
Can blend sound into words so that they can read short words.
Begin to form letters correctly.

Maths

All previously taught skills are revisited regularly and applied to new concepts.
Can identify representations of 1,2,3
Can compare 1,2,3
Circles and Triangles
Spatial awareness

Key Vocabulary

Celebration	To do something special or enjoyable for an important event
Festival	A time or event of celebration
Culture	All people have their own culture and this can be different all over the world
Belief	A feeling of being sure that something exists
Diwali	A five day festival of lights celebrated by millions of people all over the world

Key Events

Season changes
Bonfire night
Diwali
Christmas celebrations
Nativity

Understanding of the world

Can understand the effect of the changing seasons.
Can recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.



Expressive Arts and Design

Can explore and use a range of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.
Listen to music and sing in a group.

Stories/ Songs/ Poems

Seasons poems and stories
Firework poems
Diwali powerpoint
Story of the nativity
Christmas themed books

Although these are suggested activities for this topic, we are ultimately led by the interests and needs of the children.