

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Understand gradually how others might be feeling - discuss about character feelings throughout stories.
- Jigsaw SEAL theme –Celebrating Differences
- Explaining knowledge and asking questions about the topic.
- Become more outgoing with unfamiliar people, in the safe context of their setting -- work as part of a team in the Christmas show.
- Play with one or more children - extending on and elaborating play ideas
- Discussing Nursery Rules – remember rules without needing to be reminded by an adult
- Increasingly follow rules - understanding why they are important.

### Mathematics

- Money activities in the role play area
- Comparing and measuring
- Sequencing events in a day
- 2d and 3d shapes
- Numicon and number formation activities
- Counting
- Pattern
- Recognising numbers

### Literacy – Writing

- Make marks on their picture to stand for their name-
- Name writing (self-registration)
- Add marks to drawings to add meaning to their work – Xmas, superhero and environmental drawings.
- Write with a purpose in mind – Xmas cards, Xmas activities, letter to Father Xmas, letter to/from a fantasy character
- Describing characters from the story
- Write Xmas and adventure stories - Mini books
- Write some or all of their name

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### Communication and Language

- Discussion about special celebrations and events, including Christmas.
- Home corner enhancement – Halloween, Xmas, Diwali, firework night
- Sing a large repertoire of songs – Xmas songs
- Know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story.
- Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them.
- Listen to and build on the ideas of others – World Science Day, Super-hero themed day
- Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens – Core texts and Xmas stories

### Literacy – Reading

(Informed by EYFS Framework, RWI and the Reading Framework 2021)

- Pay attention and respond to the pictures or the words - retelling stories using puppets and props
- Discussing differences between fiction and non-fiction texts
- Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary – listening to high quality Core Texts, linked to the week's focus activities.
- Repeat words and phrases from familiar stories – poems and familiar stories

### Expressive arts and design

- Begin to develop complex stories using small world equipment like animal sets, dolls and dolls houses, etc. - Dressing up/role play area, Knights and dragons
- Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills – Make a class castle, superhero masks, treasure maps ,superheroes, Paperbag Princess puppets
- Witch's play dough moulding
- Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody – Xmas show
- Explore colour and colour mixing – Make Xmas cards and winter scenes

### Physical Development

- Go up steps and stairs, or climb up apparatus, using alternate feet - Going on walks around school
- Use and remember sequences and patterns of movements which are related to music and rhythm - Action and movement songs
- Exploring different ways of moving our bodies through music and songs
- FMS activities –threading, tweezers, play dough, scissor skills
- Match their skills to tasks and activities in the setting – Pirates and superheroes decide whether to crawl, walk or run across a plank, depending on its length and width.
- Develop independence - putting coats on and doing up zips.

### Understanding of the World

- Talking about celebrations and festivals – Bonfire night, Halloween
- Understand that some places are special to members of their community.
- Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways – Xmas, Hanukkah , Diwali,
- Superhero themed / witch's science adventures – World Science Day
- Explore how things work – Simple science investigations.

### Key dates

**5.11.25:** Bonfire Night  
**04.12.25: Thursday -**  
Favourite fantasy or  
adventure character  
dressing up day.  
**9.12.25** EYFS Christmas  
Show  
**17.12.25** Christmas party  
(Just for children!)  
**18.12.25 AM Toy Day**  
**and at 1:30pm break up!**

### Core Books

**03.11.25: Down the Back of the Chair** by Margaret Mahy  
**10.11.25: The Paperbag Princess** by Robert Munsch  
**17.11.25: The Night Pirates** by Peter Harris and **Max the Brave** by Ed Vere  
**24.11.25: Elliot Midnight Superhero** by Anne Cotringer and **Superkid** by Claire Freedman  
**01.12.25: Super Daisy** by Kes Grey and **Superheros Don't Get Scared** by Kate Thompson  
**08.12.25: Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs** by Giles Andreae and **A Superpower like Mine** by Ranj Singh  
**15.07.25 Billy's Bucket** by Kes Gray and Christmas & Winter celebration stories.