Learning Planner

Nursery-Autumn Term 2

'Winter Wonderland'

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The most wonderful time of the year! We are so excited to begin our new topic looking at all things related to Winter, special celebrations and our brand new text 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson!

Connect & Wonder

As we explore lots of exciting celebrations this half term the children will be immersed into their new topic with many hands on experiences. Linking in with our 'Winter theme' we will discover using all of our senses... Why does it snow? How can we 'save' our frozen stick people and melt the ice? Let's investigate! We will be building our own family tree complete with a cosy log fire to sit with our friends and enjoy a Christmas story or two!

For the Love of Reading

We will be reading 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson. Stick Man is a very lucky stick, living with his Stick Lady Love and their three small sticks. However, one day he goes out for a jog and becomes caught up in many precarious events! He becomes a toy for a dog, a pooh-stick, nesting material and even firewood! I wonder what else we could use our sticks for? We can't wait to explore and use our fantastic imagination!

Investigate & Construct

- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development:** We will be talking about our likes and dislikes as we create our Christmas wish lists and will be sharing our own personal experiences of different celebrations and traditions!
- **Language and communication:** We will be learning a familiar nursery rhyme and using actions to re-tell them. We will also begin to look at rhyme and rhyming words.
- **Understanding the World:** The children will be learning about various celebrations from Bonfire Night to Christmas! We will be exploring seasons and learning all about Winter ... what happens to the plants? What clothes do we wear? Why does it snow?
- **Expressive Arts and Design:** We will be joining in with lots of signing this half term learning new songs for our Christmas concert. We will be getting creative and crafty making our own stick people and some sparkly decorations to hang on our tree!
- **Physical development:** Our weekly PE sessions will link to moving in a variety of ways, gaining spatial awareness and working as a team!

Express & Reflect

There is no better way to express ourselves and prepare for Christmas than becoming 'little elves' helping Father Christmas... Our trip to the 'Adventure Farm' will see us participate in an elves workshop, become artic explorers in the North Pole Adventure and visit Santa !!

Key Vocabulary

Winter freeze frozen snow blizzard ice melt cold frosty icy shiver glistening sparkling gloves hat coat scarf boots Christmas grotto celebrate