EYFS - Wonderful Winter

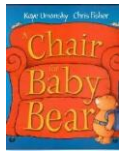
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Communication, Language and Literacy

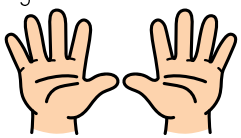
During this block, children will explore the theme of Wonderful Winter through a range of high-quality texts and engaging learning experiences. Using *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, *A Chair for Baby Bear*, *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, *One Snowy Night* and *Under the Winter Sun* as inspiration, children will develop their early reading, communication and writing skills. They will learn to write for different purposes, including describing characters, retelling and creating narratives, and sharing information linked to stories and seasonal themes. Through structured play, discussion and practical experiences, children will also continue to develop their phonics knowledge, vocabulary, sentence-building skills and understanding of the world around them during the winter season.





Mathematics

During this block, children will continue to develop their early mathematical understanding through practical, hands-on activities and play-based learning. They will build confidence in **counting to 20**, compare groups of objects by matching, and explore the concepts of **whole and part** to deepen their understanding of how numbers are made. Children will investigate shape and spatial awareness through **matching, turning and flipping** objects and patterns, while also developing their knowledge of number composition by exploring different ways to make **3, 4 and 5**. Through songs, games, and problem-solving activities, children will strengthen their number sense, reasoning skills and mathematical vocabulary.



Expressive Arts and Design

During this block, children will develop their creativity, imagination and artistic skills through a range of exciting expressive arts experiences linked to our Wonderful Winter topic. They will explore simple mechanisms and design technology by creating their own fire engine models, learning how moving parts can work together. Children will also use a range of materials and techniques to create Christmas cards and decorations, developing their cutting, joining, painting and collage skills while expressing their own ideas creatively. In music, children will learn and perform a variety of seasonal songs as they prepare for their Christmas Performance, building confidence, developing their listening skills and enjoying opportunities to sing, move and perform together.



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

During this block, children will continue to develop their understanding of others through a range of discussions, stories and collaborative activities. Through our focus on the British Value of Tolerance, children will learn that people may have different beliefs, traditions and opinions, and that these differences should be respected and celebrated. Using a range of No Outsiders texts, including *You Choose*, *Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly*, *Hello Hello*, *Blue Chameleon*, *The Family Book* and *Super Duper You*, children will explore themes such as making choices, valuing differences, welcoming others, forming new friendships, understanding different family structures and recognising their own unique qualities. Through these experiences, children will be encouraged to develop kindness, respect, resilience and a positive sense of self, helping them to become valued members of our school community.



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Physical Development

During this block, children will develop their physical skills through a range of indoor and outdoor activities. They will explore movement through **dance**, learning how to move confidently and creatively in response to music. Children will continue to strengthen their **fine motor skills**, focusing on pencil grip and control to support their early writing, while also developing their **gross motor skills** through active play and physical challenges. They will learn how to **use space safely**, becoming increasingly aware of themselves and others when moving, balancing and travelling in different ways. Through these experiences, children will build confidence, coordination and independence in their physical development.



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During this block, children will explore the special significance of Christmas in the Christian faith. Through stories, discussion, role play and reflection, they will learn about The Christmas Story and why it is an important part of Christian celebrations. Children will consider the question, "Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?", developing their understanding of the events of the Nativity and how these are remembered and celebrated today. We will encourage children to reflect on the messages of love, hope and joy found within the Christmas story, helping them to develop respect for the beliefs and traditions of others.



Understanding the World

During this block, children will develop their understanding of the world around them through a range of meaningful experiences linked to our Wonderful Winter topic. They will learn more about people who help us, focusing on the important role of firefighters in our community. Children will explore the story of Diwali and discover why this celebration is special to many families. They will also have opportunities to share and discuss their own experiences of Bonfire Night and how it is celebrated. Through learning about toys from the past, children will begin to understand how things change over time. They will observe and discuss the seasonal changes that occur during Autumn and Winter, recognising that there are four seasons in a year. Through practical investigations, children will explore changing states of matter, such as ice melting into water and how ingredients can change when mixed. They will also learn about real bears, developing their understanding of the difference between fiction and reality by discovering that bears are wild animals and do not talk, live in houses or eat porridge like the characters in our stories.

