

# **Gorseybrigg Primary School and Nursery**

# **Curriculum Matters**



**Term** Autumn 2 - 2016

**Year Group** Reception

**Teacher** Mrs Kirkwood

Please note that not all subject areas will necessarily be taught each term and we cannot write down everything we teach!

## Topic

# Celebrations!!!

Week 1 – Bonfire Night and Diwali

Week 2 – Remembrance Day

Week 3 – Winter

Week 4 – Advent

Week 5 - Christmas

Week 6 – Christmas

Week 7 – Christmas

## Literacy

- Writing simple sentences and telling an adult what they have written.
- Playing games involving rhyming words.
- Listening to and printing fireworks sounds.
- Writing instructions explaining how to make an ice-cube.
- Using phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds (We have now learned these phonemes: s, a, t, p, i, n, g, d, o, c, k, ck, m, u, e, n and know the action which goes with each sound)
- Demonstrating understanding when talking with others about rhymes and stories they have read by listening to and reading winter stories.
- Reading and understanding simple sentences.
- Writing a letter to Father Christmas!

## Mathematics

- Counting reliably with numbers from one to 20, placing them in order and finding the missing numbers in a number line.
- Using quantities and objects, adding and subtracting two single-digit numbers.
- Using everyday language to talk about weight and time.
- Recognising, creating and describing repeating patterns.
- Finding 1 more or 1 less from a group of up to 10 objects

## Personal, Social and Emotional Education and RE

- Learning about fireworks safety.
- Listening to the Christmas story and learning about special traditions.
- Learning about Diwali.
- Learning about special stories and asking 'Which stories are special and why?'

## **Physical Development**

- In gymnastics we will be focusing on learning different ways of travelling over, under and through equipment.
- Becoming more independent when dressing and doing up our own coats.
- Playing games based around using balls.
- Country Dancing and playing ring games.

## **Communication and Language**

- Listening to stories and discussions linked to our topic and answering questions about them.
- Reciting poems which are linked to winter and Christmas.
- Following instructions involving several ideas or actions.
- Answering how and why questions about freezing and melting experiments.

## **Expressive Arts and Design**

- Making fireworks glitter pictures and poppies.
- Creating icy tracks using paint.
- Engaging in role-play with our friends
- Making a Christmas card and tree decoration.

## **Understanding the World**

- Discussing celebrations such as Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and Christmas.
- Explaining how changes occur during freezing and melting experiments.
- Creating a fireworks picture using a simple program on the computer and playing Christmas games.

# Helping at Home

- Read with your child often and **remember to write in your child's reading record!**
- Practice your child's spellings with them and encourage them to use the cursive handwriting style.
- Discuss your family Christmas traditions and experiences.
- Read books about Christmas.
- Play missing number games with your child e.g-

What is the missing number? 1 2     4 5

- Play practical games involving adding or subtracting.
- Try a freezing or melting experiment at home and talk about the changes in the environment as Autumn turns to Winter.