

Gorseybrigg Primary School and Nursery

Curriculum Matters



Term **Autumn 2 - 2017**

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

Nursery Rhymes and Christmas

Week – 1 Bonfire night
Week 2 – Hickory Dickory Dock
Week 3 – Sing a Song of Sixpence
Week 4 – The North Wind Doth Blow
Week 5 – Christmas
Week 6 – Christmas
Week 7 – Christmas
Week 8 – Party Time!

Literacy

- Using phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately
- Talking about and making up our own nursery rhymes
- Writing our own letters to send to Father Christmas
- Writing short sentences in meaningful contexts
- Reading tricky words (the, and, to, no, go)
- Talking about the friendly sounds – sh, ch and th

Mathematics

- Saying which number is one more or one less than any given number to 20
- Using everyday language to talk about time and money
- Completing practical investigations involving subtraction
- Counting objects out from a larger group
- Recognising and creating Christmas themes patterns
- Saying the days of the week in the correct order

Personal, Social and Emotional Education and RE

- Talking about our own and other's behaviour and its consequences focusing on firework safety.
- Showing sensitivity to others needs and feelings.
- Playing co-operatively, taking turns with others.
- Learning about special stories including the Christmas Story.

Physical Development

- Experimenting with different ways of travelling in gymnastics.
- Playing games based around using balls.
- Dancing and playing ring games.
- Handling scissors and pencils effectively.

Communication and Language

- Answering 'how' and 'why' questions about our bonfire night experiences and in response to stories or events.
- Listening attentively in a range of situations.
- Expressing ourselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Safely using and exploring a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Making glittery fireworks picture, mice finger puppets, calendars and Christmas cards.
- Performing our Nativity play!

Understanding the World

- Talking about past and present events in our own lives and in the lives of family members related to Christmas and bonfire night.
- Making observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes related to winter. We will be making bird feeders for the birds to eat during the cold winter months.
- Investigating melting and freezing.
- Talking about electricity and lights.
- Playing Christmas computer 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
- Practice saying the days of the week in order
- Play games involving 1 more and 1 less than
- Read and sing favourite nursery rhymes
- Discuss what your child would like Father Christmas to bring them for Christmas!
- Visit the oxford owl website. You can join for free and there are loads of interactive books for your child to enjoy!
www.oxfordowl.co.uk