

## Autumn Term 2

### Yellow Class

#### Curriculum Intent

Our Sensory Curriculum is an inclusive Curriculum. The children are taught using a thematic approach, with a new theme each half term. This also incorporates their weekly sessions of physiotherapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy following individual programs. 'At the heart of education is the capacity to transform a child's life for the better and equip them to enjoy active citizenship in 21st century society.' (Carpenter 2011)

#### Introduction

This term we will be exploring the topic "Winter Festivals of Light" With the darker nights drawing in we will explore this wonderful season of celebration and sparkle. We will focus on the various key events of the season including Diwali, Bonfire Night, Hanukah and Christmas.

#### Communication

Children will need to develop communication across all subjects. We will continue to develop communication, with the support of speech and language experts, to ensure growth of self esteem and confidence, and increased accessibility, understanding and enjoyment of the activities is being delivered.

"The prerequisite of "total communication" simply means that and form of communication is acceptable as a platform upon which to build communication" longhorn 2021

#### Knowledge of the World

We will be exploring Light and Sound this half term. Throughout this topic the children will explore the vibration of sound, changes in loudness and pitch, sounds travelling through liquids, solids and gases, and sound frequency's in humans and animals.

#### Creative and ICT

In Art we will be looking at the various festivals of light during Winter. We will make Bonfire pictures using various materials. For Diwali we will make divas out of clay and using rice we will make Rangoli patterns. The children will also be producing collages, cards and printing various colours. In ICT the children will use the iPad to produce Bonfire pictures and explore Purple Mash to complete simple computer programmes.

#### Physical Development

Children complete a daily mile to improve their general fitness and well being.

All children have weekly swimming sessions from a specialist swimming instructor.

We deliver sensory circuits frequently throughout the day, as well as fine motor activities.

#### PSED

We will use a wide range of fun, practical activities to develop children's personal, social and emotional development.

We will be focusing on the topic Keeping Healthy. We will look at keeping clean and the importance of washing our hands, brushing our teeth and keeping our hair clean. We will also be looking at being kind to those around us.

#### English

To link with our topic this term we will be focusing on the story 'Ella's Night Lights'. We will be reading the story, matching symbols and pictures, looking at initial sounds, making sentences using colourful semantics with and without adult support. Children will also continue to develop their phase 1 and phase 2 phonic awareness.

# Winter Festivals of Light

#### Maths

This term we will consolidate our Foundation Maths skills through number rhymes and songs. We will develop an awareness of shape and pattern using everyday situations. We will be applying both our number and shape skills in everyday scenarios.

All children will be working using a TEACCH approach to embed previous skills.

#### My Independence

We will develop our independence skills including being able to find our own belongings at snack time and home time.

We will be continuing to look at parts of our body through songs as we are developing our independence with dressing and undressing.

We will be practicing transitioning around school in order to develop confidence and independence. Some children will be practicing transitioning around school with limited support.

This half term we will also be continuing to develop our hygiene skills. We will be practicing washing our hands and brushing our teeth.

#### My Community

This half term the children will take part in our first Language Day and we will be travelling to India.

As we near Christmas the children will also be taking part in the school Christmas Nativity.

As a school we will also be going to the local Pantomime.



Pantomime Visit  
Christmas Nativity  
Language Day - India