

# Winter Festivals of Light .

## 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

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 and Hanukah and Christmas.

## English

We use a range of strategies and resources to support the development of reading and phonics as a whole group, including Attention for Autism bucket, Song Book, Musical Instruments and puppets. Children develop their mark making to form the letters of their name. We focus on Phase 1 letters and sounds with an initial focus on environmental sounds and rhyme.

## Maths

We will interact with number through songs and rhyme. We will work on our individual number targets using a range of fun and engaging activities

## Science

We will name, explore and experience light and dark.  
We will identify, respond and explore hot and cold.

## MFL

This half term we will celebrate all things Spanish with a special themed day.

We will feast on Spanish Tapas, emerge ourselves in Spanish Flamenco as part of a music workshops.

## Computing

We will use the iPads and the touch screen PC to develop our use of computer programs. Children will be encouraged to operate the technology on their own, including moving objects across the screen, matching objects on a screen and clicking on an icon or image and dragging it to a correct area.

## Art and DT

We will explore a wide range of materials and techniques in order to create our own unique artwork.  
We will develop our independence skills through our cooking sessions. Chopping fruit, spreading butter and pouring out ingredients.

## Music

### Christmas Production

Pupils will be rehearsing Silent Night to perform with Makaton at the turning on of Wombourne Christmas Lights.

Pupils will work with staff to develop their own section of The Snowman as part of a whole school production.

## Physical Education

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

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

We deliver Physibods body awareness program and children are encouraged to copy movement prompted by an adult.

## My Independence

We will develop our independence skills including being able to prepare ourselves a simple cold drink and breakfast.

We will be looking 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 develop confidence and independence.

## SMSC

We will be working in small groups throughout our school day to establish regular routines.

## My Community

We will visit our local church during Remembrance time and will experience a new environment.



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November