



Early Years Foundation Stage Topic planner Autumn 2024

Space, Winter & Christmas

Communication, Language and Literacy:

- Stories of Space, Winter and Christmas
- Interactive story telling
- Role play- Home corner / Nativity Stable
- Show and tell sessions
- Singing songs and rhymes related to topic and Christmas
- Discuss major changes in the environment during Autumn and Winter
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Personal, Social and emotional development:

- Record special events in children's Learning Journeys and share with the group
- Praise and stickers to recognise personal achievements, linked to characteristics of learning
- Have an awareness of boundaries set, and of behavioural expectations in setting
- Begin to understand the words for feelings, happy and sad
- Discuss Christmas preparations and compare to those of the first Christmas
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Physical Development:

- Start, stop games, musical statues/ bumps.
- Opportunities to mark make on large and small scales inside and out.
- Mark making opportunities, encouraging correct pencil grasp.
- To know when they need to go to the toilet and go independently.
- Putting on and taking off outdoor clothes and dressing ups.
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Mathematics:

- Number songs and rhymes 1-5
- To understand the language of size
- Practical number activities eg putting the correct number of smiles on fingers, 5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer, 5 Christmas puddings
- Every day maths-Counting children, milk cartons, apples. Do we have enough? Do we need more?
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Understanding of the World:

- Look closely at patterns on bark, leaves, patterns made by frost/ mist.
- Investigate properties of ice.
- Uses sense of smell, sight, touch and hearing to describe activities and objects.
- Encourage children to share experiences from home, during circle time, trips to the park, shops, Grandma's.

Expressive Arts and Design:

- Dance and paint freely to music, feel the mood, a variety of music from different cultures and genre. Party games and dancing- moving rhythmically to music
- Use a variety of construction- duplo, bricks, knex, recycled materials boxes, tubes-
- Making props for role play
- Naming colours.
- Role play Nativity.