

Communication and Language

Talk about their own feelings and experiences. Communicate about their play and own ideas.

Talk and listen to others during play, describing objects using developing language. Listen to, as well as **talk about stories**, showing understanding. Use new songs and words during their play. Understand and develop listening skills.

Literacy

Read poems, stories and information texts about fireworks, space and the dark.

Sing songs and rhymes together and begin to know them well. Sharing and reading new books, learning new language and talking about them. Make marks and ascribe meaning to them, sometimes using letter shapes.

Understanding the World

Explore light and dark in different contexts. Talk about and explore the nativity story and Christmas and their own experiences.

Use their senses when exploring different materials and situations. Talk about and compare own and other people's cultures and traditions.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

Develop friendships and begin to understand that others may have different feelings to them.

Be aware of rules and expectations at school, making friends and playing with others. Developing independence skills such as using the bathroom. Show more confidence in new social situations. **Talk about their own feelings.**

Physical Development

Move in new and more interesting ways, expressing themselves – fireworks, rockets etc.

Climb, swing and balance moving in different ways. Do things for themselves such as buttons and zips. Work together to move large objects. Use tools and equipment with 1 hand. Develop mark making skills with paint and other media.

Mathematics

Count more reliably – counting different objects. Talk about shapes and their properties.

Carefully count small groups of objects and quickly recognising up to 3 things. Do simple puzzles. Think about and talk about shapes and how they would use them.

Expressive Arts and Design

Explore different art forms and make choices about what to do. Singing, moving, and performing.

Make marks using different media. Join in singing songs and sing them with others. Enjoy simple role play and pretend play based on what they know. Use different materials to make new things.

Light and Dark (Autumn 2) Topic Overview