



Nursery – Sparkle and Shine



Topic Overview

We will begin this term by talking about how we celebrate special times such as Bonfire night and birthdays. We will then go on to celebrate Diwali followed by Christmas. We'll hunt for missing treasure and discuss whether the treasure we find is shiny or not. We'll watch how shiny objects catch the sun when we hang them outside, and we'll group and sort different objects, learning more about materials and their properties. Getting creative, we'll use different media to create shiny artwork! Then as Christmas approaches, we will read the story of the first Christmas and enjoy making some sparkly decorations!

Recommended Books

How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers
Moonlight Bear by Rosie Wellesley
Light and Dark by Angela Royston
10 Shiny Snowflakes by Russell Julian
The story of Diwali by Katie Daynes
Pip and Rosy: the Christmas tree by Axel Scheffler
Little Glow by Katie Sahota

This Term We Are Learning ...

Communication and Language	<p>Describing and talking about different materials. Asking and answering questions. Using language to extend play Build on listening skills Talking about sounds in the environment Learning and using new vocabulary Understand and follow simple instructions Understand different concepts such as fast/slow Use a range of tenses Tales Toolkit – making our own stories</p>
Physical Development	<p>Firework dancing Dancing with ribbons and scarves Mark making in glitter Drawing shapes and patterns with chalk outside Dough disco Using push and pull toys Climbing and balancing Run with spatial awareness Balance on one foot</p>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	<p>Play games that require turn taking Work as a team to solve problems Independently put on and take off a coat Find and practice ways to resolve conflict Understand that others have different ideas and perspectives Become more aware of similarities and differences between themselves and others Enjoy a sense of belonging through being involved in different tasks</p>
Literacy	<p>Use information books to find out about different materials. Listen to and talk about stories Write Diwali and Christmas cards Use puppets to tell the Christmas story Talk about favourite stories Use phrases or words from familiar stories Clap syllables in words Make up play scenarios Ascribe meanings to marks that they make Tales Toolkit</p>
Mathematics	<p>Sorting objects according to materials. Collecting and counting objects. Investigating shape and pattern. Comparing size Investigating number Subitizing 1-3 Compare amounts, saying when there is more, less or fewer Move and combine objects to make new shapes</p>
Understanding of the World	<p>Show an interest in different occupations Finding out about different celebrations. Exploring nature at our Forest learning base Talk about significant events and special times in their lives Show care and concern for living things - homes for hedgehogs Investigate light and shadows Explore collections of materials with similar properties</p>

Expressive Arts and Design

Using different materials to make and create.
Using a variety of resources to add sparkle and shine.
Dancing using different styles of music.
Using our imagination to develop storylines and role play
Enjoy singing and learning new songs
Explore colours and how colours can be changed
Explore and use different textures
Remember and sing entire songs (EYFS Nativity)

How To Help Your Child's Learning

Read lots of stories together. Use different voices and sound effects. Talk about the pictures, story and characters.

Count everything, cars, lamp posts, fruit, socks and anything else you can think of!

Go on a shape hunt around your home and outside. Use shapes to make pictures.

Find shiny things at home.

Create a shiny picture using things such as foil, chocolate wrappers and wrapping paper.

Model using the internet to find out about things e.g. how to make an old coin shiny!

Do some Christmas baking together.

Clap your names and other things to see how many syllables there are.

Look at photos from family celebrations such as weddings, birthdays, Diwali, Eid and Christmas together

Key Vocabulary

Shiny not shiny dull sparkly
Metal plastic fabric wood magnetic
light
Square circle triangle oblong oval
pentagon hexagon octagon

Items Related To Our Topic

Take a walk around a local pond or lake on a sunny day. What can you see reflected on the surface of the water? How does the appearance of the water change when the Sun goes behind a cloud?

Hang some shiny things such as old CD's outside - what happens when the sun shines on them?

Information For This Term

Weather permitting, we will continue going to our forest learning base on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. As the weather gets colder please ensure that your child has plenty of warm layers to wear including tights or leggings under trousers and an extra pair of socks.

Thank you to those who contributed £5 last term. So far, we have spent money on playdough ingredients, snacks for Forest learning, messy play resources and ingredients for making bread. We value a parental contribution of £5 each term to enable us to provide your child with exciting experiences. Please hand it to a member of staff or pay on School Gateway, thank you.