

<p><u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</u></p> <p>Key activities & starting points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Learning to out on their coats. *Daily star of the day board. *Role-play on how to react if a friend is doing something they do not like. *Games to promote turn taking, sharing- board games, throwing and catching balls etc *Group time activities: discussions/ stories/ role play about sharing, taking turns and how to look after their environment. *Encouraging the children through modelled phrases to ask for help/ say which fruit they would like etc * Role play activities set up in the classroom eg Birthday party props/ nativity story props, to encourage group role play games. *What makes you happy and sad? *How do you feel at Christmas time? *Class party and Nativity 	<p><u>Physical Development</u></p> <p>Key activities & starting points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Games- running, skipping, jumping. Sticky kids Action Songs CD. *Ball games- catching and kicking games. * Looking after ourselves: Discussing hygiene routines in Nursery modelling and photo prompts. *Range of equipment for hammering, threading, pouring, constructing. Junk modelling/ collage table, sand and water exploration, tap -tap boards and hammers, beads and laces. *Opportunities to read and handle books with and adult in the setting- demonstrations of how to turn the pages carefully, reading from left to right. *Circle time games *Adult modelling of how to do up zips and buttons. Dressing dolls in home corner. *Fine motor skills activities: finger painting, using scissors to cut wrapping paper, Christmas decorations, snowflakes, rangoli patterns, fireworks pictures etc. *Use a range of mark-making tools- chalks, chunky chalks, pens, pencils, and paint brushes, wax crayons in both the indoor and outdoor settings. Copying patterns- painting/drawing circles or straight lines to create wrapping paper. *Copying letters from their name- name cards, glitter tray writing, writing names in birthday/ Christmas cards. *Cutting shapes using cutting tools and shape cutters into malleable material such as playdough, snow dough, Christmas cookies. 	<p><u>Communication and Language</u></p> <p>Key activities & starting points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Adults support and value children's talk in a variety of situations: Carpet times, independent play, large or small groups. *Talking about bonfire night/ Diwali/ Christmas/ Birthdays *Listening to stories. *Retelling stories. Listening games: Matching sounds to objects /photographs. *Music table inside and outside to explore sounds. *Turn taking games at carpet time to practise listening to their peers. *Following instructions at tidy up time. *Joining in with parts of a known story. *Clapping games- clapping out name rhythms on syllables/to the beat of a song. *Retelling the core texts *Exploring the concepts of big/little, heavy/light etc *Acting out the Christmas story. *Learning Nativity songs.
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<u>Mathematics</u>	<u>Literacy (Reading & writing)</u>	<u>Understanding the World</u>	<u>Expressive arts and design</u>
<p>Key activities & starting points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Counting children after the register. *Counting firework explosions and match to numeral. *Counting balloons and matching to correct numeral *Counting candles on cakes- which one has the most? *Looking at and talking about patterns *Drawing an amount of candles onto cakes. *Introducing names of 2D shapes. *Counting people at a party and matching to correct numeral. *Introduce prepositions (on, under, in, next to etc) *Placing the correct number of stars into the Bethlehem sky. *Counting sheep in the shepherds' field. *Decorating Christmas trees using various 2D shapes. *Describing different presents using language of size and shape. *Finding the correct present by following language clues relating to size and shape. *Matching numbers 1-10 to different groups of objects. *Counting sounds- claps, stomps, finger clicks. *Shape puzzles, tap-tap shape boards, balancing construction blocks. *Decorating Christmas trees using various shapes of different sizes. Describing their tree to their friends. *Making shape wrapping paper 	<p>Key activities & starting points:</p> <p><u>Core stories:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Week 1 & 2- Lighting a lamp *Week 3 & 4 Kipper's Birthday *Week 5-8 The Christmas Story/ The Nativity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Retelling core stories *Drawing pictures of fireworks *Painting easel and access to the writing area always available. *Tracing over their names and begin to write their names. *Drawing pictures of parties *Drawing pictures of toys they would like for their birthday. *Beginning to write their names *Writing in Christmas Cards/ Birthday Cards *Filling in missing words and phrases during story time. *Carpet time stories- free choice and topic box stories about feelings, birthday and Christmas/ Diwali celebrations. *Role play area set up with birthday party props to encourage retelling of core stories. *Role play area set up as a stable to encourage retelling of 'The Nativity' through role play. *Drawing pictures of the Nativity <p>Letters and sounds Phase 1- Aspect 1 and 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Develop children's listening skills and awareness of sounds in the environment. *Matching objects to sounds. 	<p>Key activities & starting points:</p> <p><i>*RE Focus: Christmas: To know who came to visit Baby Jesus in the nativity story. To know the difference between where I was born and where Jesus was born.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Collective Worship sessions with Reception focussing on the Christmas story. * Reading and acting out the Christmas Story. *Firework Safety. *Practising for our School Nativity Play *Decorating the Nursery with Christmas decorations. *Talk about what we do at Christmas/ Diwali time. *Talk about birthday parties they have attended. *Using mirrors, magnifying glasses, light tray, microscopes to look at our bodies and elements of the natural world found outside. *Computers-Paint program and purple mash. *Guessing what's inside presents. *Class Party *Playing birthday party music 	<p>Key activities & starting points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Making firework pictures using oil pastels and glitter. *Making divas and rangoli patterns *Musical instruments tables inside and outside. *Writing table & Painting activities *Printing shapes to make wrapping paper. *Making salt-dough stars *Making Christmas cards. *Learning Nativity play dance and song. *Singing Birthday Song in different languages. *Dancing to music at a role play birthday party. *Role play area set up as a birthday party and as the nativity scene. *Cutting paper snowflakes *Role play area set up as a stable. *Learning Nativity songs. *Small world toys: train track, cars, dolls house etc. *Messy play trays: Slippery spheres, wet sand, cornflour/ shaving cream play, perfume, soap flakes, snow dough etc. *Describing texture of various messy play activities.