

Communication and Language

Harvest tuff tray—Farmer's market

Bonfire—children to role play toasting marshmallows and watching fire-works.

Halloween curiosity cube.

Follow the instructions to help the Christmas elves.

Christmas songs and rhymes.

Large wrapped Christmas present—discussion.

Looking at a photograph of their birthday and discussing how it is celebrated.

5 little rockets

Understanding the World

Bottles, jugs and funnels along with dark-coloured water with added star sequins and eco-friendly glitter. Invite children to make and talk about fire-work bottles.

Red, yellow and orange building bricks. Create a bonfire.

Torches and lightboxes using shadow puppets.

Reindeer class pet. What do we need to do to look after him?

Birthdays around the world.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Labelling emotions on pumpkin faces.

Play 'pass the present'.

Diwali—tidying and spring cleaning—how can we keep the classroom tidy?

Rudolph—how did he feel when the other reindeers wouldn't let him play?

Independently putting on hats, scarves and gloves.

How do you feel on your birthday? What makes a birthday special?

Literacy

Draw a picture/write a sentence about Remembrance Day.

Hide letters on pumpkins, can chn find letters of names?

Christmas pictures and letters—match the initial letter to the picture.

Build up name to make a snowman

Birthday cards..

Birthday party food list (Pictures).

Hide the elf—use positional language.

Kipper's Monster

The Gingerbread Man

That's not my elf

That's not my reindeer

The Nativity

That's not my Santa

Nursery Unit

Autumn—Diwali, Bonfire Night,

Birthdays, Christmas

Expressive Arts and Design

Pumpkin face printing.

Diwali—Rangoli patterns.

Chalk paints—create rangoli patterns.

Bonfire—create firework patterns using chalk.

Make spiders

Print wrapping paper.

Colour mixing with baubles.

Design a birthday cake.

Make a birthday cake.

Remembrance—poppy wreath

Physical Development

Different coloured play dough, pipe cleaners and sparkles to create fireworks.

Diwali—Use the magnifying glasses to investigate the display. Sequence the events.

Mehndi , firework, poppy pencil control.

Firework colouring.

Poppy playdough mats

Poppy cutting skills.

Poppy wreath making

Use nets to fish apples out of the water.

Turn scooters into reindeers.

Firework paintbrush mark making

Colour in party hats.

Spider's web fine motor skills.

Mathematics

Learn the names of numbers

Order numbers

Begin to learn the value of numbers

Sorting

Counting

Poppy counting

Pumpkin/bat—paint one half of the paper and fold to make a symmetrical pattern.

Poppy size ordering.

Compare the weight of the presents using scales.

Roll the dice and put the correct number of baubles on the tree.

Talk about how old children are now and how old they will be next.

Patterns—balloons, Christmas images.

Birthday pictogram.

Key skills

- Follow instructions
- Join in with songs and rhymes
- Experience festivals and celebrations
- Take care of ourselves, each other and animals
- Label emotions
- Sort
- Count
- Create patterns
- Recognise name
- Begin to write name
- Name numbers
- Order numbers
- Understand the value of numbers