

## Personal Social and Emotional Development

- Anti-bullying
- Children in Need
- Taking turns and sharing toys
- JIGSAW – **Celebrating Differences**
- Build confidence and having their own friends
- Talk about own feelings confidently

### The Nativity Activities

- Use two contrasting illustrations from the story: when Mary and Joseph are travelling and when Mary and Joseph have their baby. How do they feel in each picture? Why?
- Talk about why people brought baby Jesus presents when he was born?

## Understanding the World

- Compare night and day pictures and talk about sources of light.
- Compare how different celebrations are celebrated and look at similarities and differences
- Nocturnal animals
- Create pictures of a star shining over different landscapes – a town or city; the countryside; the seaside; mountains, etc. Discuss their different characteristics with the children.
- Adaptation of animals to seasonal changes.
- Fruits and seeds
- Significant Events: Trick or treat, Bonfire night, Poppy Day, Christmas, Birthdays, Diwali Children in Need.
- ICT – introduce I pads - finding information
- Research the night sky and find out facts about the moon and stars.

## Mathematics

### Numbers:

- Create number museums 1-3.
- Counting 0-3 from a larger group.
- One more than 0-3.
- Splitting 5 in different ways, total remains the same.
- Recognising numerals 0-5.
- Numicon, Numberblocks, 10 frame, Numberline
- Subitising

### Shape, Space and Measures

- Encourage children to talk about the shapes in everyday objects.
- Now use the language e.g. Circle, bigger to describe the shape.
- Model the use of size language such big, little and heavy, light.
- Use everyday words to describe capacity.

## Physical Development

- Put on and hang up coat.
- Take off shoes and put on wellies.
- Carpet Skills
- Blowing your own nose.
- Toileting
- Putting straw into a milk carton.
- Try new foods.
- Wash and dry hands independently.
- Tidy up time.
- Hand-eye coordination activities- weaving, threading, weaving mark-making using Chalks and paint.
- Develop control over mark making tools.
- Gross motor skills: Parachute games, Wake and Shake, dough disco.

### The Nativity Activities

- Give the children opportunities to move in different ways around the room: Imagine that they are the three kings on their journey, how could they get there quickly?
- Can they pretend to be the different animal from the story and move in different ways, e.g. how does a donkey move?

## Communication and Language

### Nursery Rhymes:

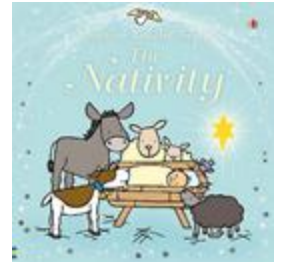
- Twinkle Twinkle
- Round and Round the Garden
- I'm a dingle Dangle Scarecrow
- I'm a little teapot

### Phonics:

- Environmental sounds
- Instrumental sounds
- Body Percussion
- Rhythm and rhyme
- Voice sounds

### The Nativity Activities

- Children imagine themselves as the three kings from the story and devise questions to ask each other about their journey to baby Jesus.
- Talk about what the children would like to happen if they went on a journey like the three kings to meet baby Jesus – what might they see, hear, smell or who might they meet along the way?



# Autumn 2 Celebrations! The Nativity *by Usborne*

## Expressive arts and design

- Role play area – dark zone
- Firework pictures and models
- Christmas cards
- Make salt dough stars
- Christmas tree decorations
- Remembrance day Art

### The Nativity Activities

- Use triangles and glockenspiels to create twinkly, starry sounds to team with certain parts of play.
- Use watercolours and colour-washing to create children's favourite scenes from the book.
- Use black paper and pastels or Chalks to draw night-time scenes.

## Literacy

- Share books about, Halloween, Bonfire Night, Children in Need, Diwali.
- T&W – The Nativity *by Oliver Jeffers*
- Letter to Father Christmas
- Christmas card, Christmas list
- Sequence stories
- Handle books independently
- Show interest in pictures and print in books.
- Recognise environmental print.
- Mark making – drawing and painting
- Christmas Stories – The Nativity, Mog's First Christmas, The Night Before Christmas, Stickman The Jolly Christmas Postman.
- Picture/Name Recognition
- Unsupported: Coat peg

## Questions

1. Why is Christmas so special? How do you celebrate?
2. What noises can you hear at night?
3. Where are the stars in the day time?
4. What is a present?
5. How many stars can you see at night?