

St Mary's RC Primary School
 Nursery - What I Am Learning – Spring 1: We're Going on a Bear Hunt
 Texts: We're Going On A Bear Hunt, Lanterns & Firecrackers,

Area of Learning	Activities	Area of Learning	Activities
Communication and Language	Children will be introduced to rhythm and rhyme, alliteration and voice sounds during communication and language this half term. As we continue with pre phonics activities they will be encouraged to hear rhyming sounds by playing listening games and reading a range of books with rhyming words. We will introduce performance time whereby children will be encouraged to carry out role play and voice sounds!	Mathematics	This half term children are focusing on the numbers 3, 4 and 5. Children will be developing fast recognition of up to 5 objects, without having to count them individually ('subitising'). We will play many number and counting games as well as learn new songs related to specific numbers.
Physical Development	This half term we will continue to progress fine and motor skills through Write Dance and dough disco activities. Children will often listen to a range of contemporary and classical music as they make marks. Obstacle courses will be devised both for and by the children to practise movements such as balancing, climbing under and over equipment.	Understanding the World	We will continue to discuss seasonal changes as we have now transitioned into Winter. Children will be exploring different materials with different properties whilst creating expressive art work both indoors and outdoors. Children will experience Chinese New Year traditions in our dedicated week long activities to celebrate the year of the dragon.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	We are continuing with regular circle time activities where children will take an active role in setting up these reflective sessions. Children will be encouraged to discuss their thoughts and feelings and the class rules, routines and expectations will be reinforced. In our RE sessions we will learn about the Epiphany, and also how we are all a part of our parish family (community) and how we celebrate this linking to last half terms' topic of Baptism.	Expressive Arts and Design	There will be lots of opportunities to create this half term! We will be making our own class bears using glue, cardboard and coloured tissue paper. We will be focusing on the artist Herve Tullet to create some colourful pieces whilst making links to Write Dance.
Literacy	This half term our texts will focus on journeys. Alongside the focus texts we have lots of exciting stories to read and new characters to meet. We will continue to reinforce nursery rhymes and well known traditional songs. We will continue to encourage the children to listen carefully to our texts and we will encourage them to ask questions about it. There will be lots of opportunities for children to do mark making and finger gym activities based around our texts.	Outdoor Provision	We will continue to access our outdoor area throughout each day where we can access our bikes, mud kitchen, climbing frame, construction opportunities, sand, music, role play and the bug hotel.

*When working on our text, we always try to select a story that the children may not have seen before we do not read the whole story initially. We work on the text over the course of the half term, and unpick each section, our focused activities and challenges are based upon the part of the story we are working on to keep an element of surprise and suspense. If you do wish to read the story at home with your child, please could you do so once we have completed our topic and text work. Many thanks.