Autumn 2: Night & Day

Texts : Owl Babies, Peace at Last, Ten Little Elves and We're Going on an Elf Chase

Area of Learning	Activities	Area of Learning	Activities
Communication and Language	During this half term we continue to develop listening skills with circle time activities and class discussions. We will be talking about our focused texts and aim to recall these stories with actions in the correct sequence. Through regular circle time for collective worship children will be able to talk about their thoughts and feelings and discuss experiences and events within their lives.	Mathematics	Th numbers 1,2 and 3 will be our main focus and children will be learning to subitise these numbers, recognise them in different forms and trace them in sensory or written form. We will continue to play games to encourage a sense of number and, whilst learning traditional nursery rhymes, will take part in finger rhymes with numbers eg) 5 little ducks and 5 speckled frogs. Children will be encouraged to recognise and create patterns using a range of materials and colours.
Physical Development	The Write Dance scheme of learning continues to be a main focus in nursery and this term children will be more familiar with the patterns we aim to achieve using different materials. Some of the materials we aim to use will be mops, brushes, scarves, bean bags, balls, water, paint, shaving foam and spaghetti.	Understanding the World	We will continue to discuss seasonal changes and also explore celebrations. By looking at the world around us children can discuss what they see and how things may change over time. We will take part in a listening walk and have an exciting visit from an owl sanctuary.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Children will be encouraged to use communication skills to develop personal, social and emotional skills. This will be via texts and class discussion. In RE children will be learning around the theme 'welcome' and how they are welcomed in to the family of school and God.	Expressive Arts and Design	We will be exploring different ways of painting during this half term, using different items to print with e.g. hand prints, sponge printing, using cardboard tubes, dipping in paint and printing. Children will be encouraged to make their own creations using junk modelling items and sticking materials such as glue or tape correctly.
Literacy	This half term we will be sharing a range of fiction and non fiction texts for children to develop their vocabulary. We will continue to explore lots of different mark making opportunities linked to our theme and the stories that we are working on. Phonics – children will begin playing games linked to environmental and everyday sounds.	Outdoor Provision	We will continue to access our outdoor area throughout each day, whatever the weather! We can access the bikes, scooters, mud kitchen, climbing frame, construction opportunities, sand, music, role play and our book den.