

Lower Foundation Stage Curriculum Links

Autumn 2

Magical make believe



Enrichment:

Visit from Father Christmas

Expressive Art & Design

- Make porridge pots using papier Mache or clay
- Colour mixing
- Firework paintings
- Paper chains to decorate the nursery for party day
- Christmas cards and hats
- Calendars

Provision Links

- Art/Craft Area – Cauldron shaped paper, black paper, illuminous paint. Stocking and Christmas tree shaped paper, cotton wool, sequins.
- Music Area – Add pictures of different fireworks and recreate using instruments.
- DT – 3D box model fireworks/rockets. The Elf's workshop – wrapping presents etc.

Understand the World

- Halloween (stay and play)
- Changes/cause and effect (overflowing pots using bicarbonate and vinegar)
- Light and dark (Bonfire night)
- Discuss significant events (Festival of Christmas)

Provision Links

- Sand area – 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' – replace sand with oats, add different sized bowls, spoons etc.
- Investigation Area – Light and dark using the light box and introduce colour using colour paddles.
- Small World Area – Nativity scene to retell the story of Christmas.
- Home Corner – Christmas living room with cards to write and display, a Christmas tree to decorate.

Mathematics

- Number Rhymes (ring game)
- Reciting numbers in the correct order (key worker time)
- Size – Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- Christmas tree size ordering
- Quantity – Counting spoonful's of porridge into bowls
- Matching number and quantity to 5/10
- 3D shaped presents

Provision Links

- Maths area – sort the baubles correctly (shape/size).
- Play dough – Make Christmas cakes and decorate with currants.
- Sand area – 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' – replace sand with oats, add different sized bowls, spoons etc.
- Water area – Colour the water and change daily, spray and potion bottles, ladles into the cauldron.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Cooperating with boundaries and routines
- Giving and receiving gifts using manners
- Turn taking and sharing
- Christmas party – party games – pin the nose on the snowman
- Feelings

Provision Links

- Construction area – make homes from the villagers in the story of 'The Magic Porridge Pot.'
- Outdoor area – make a large sleigh using crates.

Communication & Language

- Listening to others during circle time (pass the magic porridge pot around)
- Listening to a story in a group (magic porridge pot story sack)
- Joins in with repeated refrains ("cook little pot cook")
- Listening and attention – Kym's game
- Following instructions when baking - Christmas cake
- 'Say it and see it' – Christmas poster (describe what you can see)
- Retell the Christmas story

Provision Links

- Home Corner – Enhanced with porridge pot and role play masks.
- Role Play – Stable, include animals and baby Jesus and costumes.
- Reading area – Props to retell stories and audio copy.
- Investigation area – Dark box and torch (focus on colour, shape, texture).
- Water area – Colour the water and change daily, spray and potion bottles.

Physical Development

- Tasting porridge - express likes and dislikes)
- Healthy eating – sort healthy/non healthy breakfasts
- Cutting skills – cut out toys from catalogues to make a Christmas list
- Gross motor skills – create a Christmas obstacle course for Santa. Throw beanbags into buckets (presents into a sack), walk along benches (rooftops), jump into hoops (down the chimney)

Provision Links

- Finger gym – Add different objects like gems into the porridge pot using tweezers. Use tweezers to add presents to sacks (cubes in socks).

Literacy

- Sequence the story of 'The Magic Porridge Pot'
- Write name in Christmas card to a family member
- Large mark making (collaborative firework imitating circles and lines)
- Silly soup – rhyming

Possible Book Links: Magic Porridge Pot

- Mr Wolf's Pancakes
- Hungry Harry
- The Enormous Turnip

Possible Book Links: Christmas

- The Jolly Christmas Postman
- Harry and the Dinosaurs Make a Christmas Wish
- The Snowman (and The Snowdog)
- One Snowy Night
- One Special Christmas
- The Nativity Play
- Kipper's Christmas Eve
- Mog's Christmas
- Little Robin's Christmas
- Russell's Christmas Magic
- The Night Before Christmas

Provision Links

- Writing Area – Cauldron/ladle, objects that rhyme.
- Reading Area – Books about Christmas.

Child Initiated Activities and Enhancements