

Expressive arts and design

We will continue to look at portraits and explore where kings and queens live and set up role play scenarios. The children will be looking at using a variety of materials and resources and make firework pictures and will be putting instruments to firework sounds exploring loud and quiet. We will learn new songs for Christmas and make cookies.

Kings and Queens

An inquiry into how they live

Literacy

We will look at the monarchy through traditional tales and mythology. We will read the stories of 'The Queens hat' and 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson. The children will be exploring onomatopoeia with firework sounds and begin to write key words. We will have a writing/mark making area in continuous provision where the children can choose to write for a number of purposes, letters, shopping lists, labels etc We will continue with daily phonics sessions and begin to blend the sounds we know when reading simple words.

Maths

Nursery will be singing number rhymes and songs, counting in order beyond 10 and begin to recognize the numerals 1,2 and 3. Reception will be matching numerals to quantities and using of a variety of ways to record number. We will also look at the properties of 2d shapes. Year 1 will be exploring how a number can be partitioned into two or more parts and we will also look at the language associated with writing a number sentence.

Communication and Language

We will introduce new theme related vocabulary. The children will listen to a variety of stories and carry their understanding through to different learning areas - role play, puppet shows and the communication table. We will introduce talk partners and begin to use active listening skills.

Personal and social development

We will continue to establish the routines of the day especially for our children new to the class. The children will begin to put on their outdoor clothes independently and fasten their coats. We will learn to take turns in activities and wash our hands well.

Physical development

We will provide props to support imaginative play. We will also introduce the concept of the 'The Big Draw' to develop fine motor skills. We will continue to promote gross and fine motor skills and learn new skills such as dribbling, passing and hitting the ball in a game of hockey.

Understanding of the world

Through the story of 'The Queen's hat' we will explore the different London destinations. We will talk about where the kings and queens live. We will learn about the festivals of Divali, Bonfire night, Remembrance day and talk about 'Why is Christmas special'.