Our starting interest this half term is **Special times** This half term in Nursery will be learning to . . .

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

- Listen to stories
- Join in with phrases in rhymes and stories
- Celebrate Nursery Rhyme Week
- Talk about what is happening now
- Build up a vocabulary linked to Special Times
- Boogie Mites

Vocabulary: listen, talk, story, poem, now, special, times

PERSONAL SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Put on their coat, trousers wellies or shoes independently
- Value differences using the Elmer story
- Introduce Casey the concentrating crocodile
- Show respect by sharing and helping others
- Recognise kind actions in our daily life

Vocabulary: concentration, differences, value, special, respect, kind, sharing, helpful

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Move in different ways
- Dough gym
- Swiggle whilst you wiggle
- Stir and spread a range of foods

Vocabulary: side to side, stir, spread, move

LITERACY

- Explore instrumental sounds
- Develop an awareness of syllables
- Develop an awareness of rhyming words
- Begin to talk about things they draw and write
- Show an awareness of print in the environment
- Make their name with magnetic letters
- Core books-We are going on a bear hunt, Room on the broom, Tanka Tanka Shunk
- Talk about events in these stories

Vocabulary: sounds, syllables, rhyme, environment, name, letters, words, events, story



Special Times

Other themes will be developed as we follow the children's interests







Core books

MATHEMATICS

- Say one number for each items in order
- Know that the last number reached when counting a set tells you how many there are in total
- Develop fast recognition of 3 objects without counting (subitising)
- Recognise number 1, 2
- Explore patterns in the environment
- Explore simple repeated patterns by continuing and copying a pattern containing 2 objects e.g. red, blue, red, blue

Vocabulary: number, 1,2,3, 5 frame, counting, how many, altogether, subtising, pattern, repeating

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

- Talk about special times and events in their life
- Talk about birthdays, days and months
- Name their school and town
- Explore different sounds
- Identify electrical devices

Vocabulary: days, months, sounds, noise, loud, quiet, high, low, bang, blow, pluck, school, Bedlington, events

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

- Learn new songs
- Sing Christmas songs
- Move in response to different types of music
- Explore instruments
- Print with different objects
- Cut straight lines with scissors
- Draw a person with a head and a body

Vocabulary: music, instruments, straight, print, person, body, head

CORE VALUE

Respect
'Everyone is important.'

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- Celebrate family traditions e.g. Birthdays and Christmas
- Learn the Christmas story

Vocabulary: respect, family, traditions, Birthdays, Christmas, celebrations



You can help at home by:-

- Talking about family celebrations
- Draw a person with a head and a body
- Put a photo of your child's last birthday on Tapestry
- Learn the name of our school and know where they live
- Look for different types of print and patterns in the environment