Class Name: Early Years	Curriculum Overview Topic: Light and Dark	Autumn 2
Communication and Language This term we will continue to develop our listening skills through our daily story and rhyme time. In addition, we will focus on: Nursery 1: • Recognising familiar sounds • Understanding longer sentences • Holding short conversations with an adult Nursery 2: • Developing a love of books, songs and rhyme • Learning new words by exploring new concepts • Asking 'what' questions Reception • We know why listening is important • Talking through our ideas with an adult • Retelling a favourite story or our own story, using a story map • Talking about our favourite parts of stories	**PSED** This term, we will be focusing on friends. • What makes a good friend? • How can I make friends? • How do friends make me feel? Nursery 1: • Knowing that actions have consequences • Seeking comfort from different adults in our Nursery Nursery 2: • Inviting others to join our play • Following the nursery rules Reception • Showing empathy towards friends • Seeking an adult for help **Expressive Arts and Design** • Mixing primary colours • Using different sized brushes in our paintings • Making diyas for Diwali • Attaching materials together • Learning new nursery rhymes, and singing them along with actions. • Exploring loud and soft sounds • Learning our songs for our Early Years Christmas Concert!	**Physical Development** Nursery 1: • Sitting comfortably on a chair with our feet on the floor • Climbing up stairs, carefully • Enjoying times of being energetic and times of being calm • Daily Squiggle While You Wiggle and Dough Disco sessions Nursery 2: • Creating lines and circles using large body movements • Being independent in our personal care e.g. blowing my nose by myself and washing my hands • Daily Squiggle While You Wiggle and Dough Disco sessions Reception: • We will have a weekly PE lesson in Reception. Please come to school wearing your PE kit each **Thursday** • Catching, rolling and kicking a large ball • Travelling at different heights • Cutting out circles and shapes • Using fine paintbrushes to add detail to our paintings • Holding scissors carefully • Forming letters in our Phonics and Handwriting sessions

Literacy

Nursery

- Listening to stories and joining in with actions and repeated phrases
- Noticing sounds around me and knowing about sounds different instruments make
- Making my own marks with writing tools

Reception

- Daily phonics sessions, introducing special friends (sh, ch, th, nk, ng, ll, ss, ck, qu)
- Reading CVC words
- Segmenting CVC words to spell them
- Writing the letters in my name in order

Key Texts:

- The Little Firework
- Bears in the Night
- Can't You Sleep Little Bear?
- Gruffalo's Child
- Whatever Next!
- Man on the Moon

Maths

This half term we will be continuing to develop our number knowledge by focusing on:

Nursery

- Counting forwards and backwards
- Counting actions and objects carefully
- Talking about my daily routine and position of an object

Reception

- Recognising 2d shapes (triangles, circles, rectangles and squares.)
- Subitising amounts to 5
- Finding 1 more and 1 less up to 5
- Describing the position of an object
- Ordering daily events

Understanding the World

People, Culture and Communities:

- Learning about how Diwali is celebrated
- Finding out about how Christians might celebrate Christmas
- Knowing some parts of the Nativity story
- Talking about celebrations I enjoy

The Natural World

- Noticing light and dark
- Exploring shadows
- Finding about about the solar system and planets

Past and Present

- Finding out about space explorers from now and from the past
- Talking about special events in my own life (celebrations)

How we can stay safe online
Interacting with technology using the Interactive Whiteboard

Teacher's Notes & Weekly Timetable

Monday- Library Day (bring library books)
Tuesday- Forest School (bring wellies and waterproofs in a named bag. Bring warm layers, hat and gloves)
Wednesday - PE Nursery (wear trainers and leggings/joggers)
Thursday- PE Reception (wear PE kit)
Friday- Swap school reading books (Reception only)

Homework- Reception Only

- Weekly 'You and Me Challenge' sent in books each Friday. Please complete and return the following Friday

Messages and Dates

- Check Tapestry for regular updates
- Early Years Christmas Concert (Date TBC)
- Christmas lunch (Date TBC)
- Christmas party day (Date TBC)
- Children in Need- Information sent out via MCAS