

Penguins Curriculum Newsletter – Term 2 2018

Our topic this term is 'Celebrations'.

Here are some of our planned learning opportunities:

Area of learning	Learning opportunities
Personal, social and emotional development	Making friends, taking turns and sharing. Our learning dinosaur this term is 'Tryasaurus'.
Communication and language	We will be naming and describing vegetables and following instructions to make pumpkin soup. We will be talking about fireworks, Diwali and Christmas. Popcorn and Pip, our penguins, will be going home each weekend for exciting adventures with the children.
Physical Development	We will have a variety of sensory activities to develop fine motor skills. The children will use scissors and mark making tools. Gross motor skills will be developed in the garden using, for example, the climbing frame, playing ring games, using bats and balls. Independence will be encouraged going to the toilet, washing hands, putting on hats and coats.
Literacy	We will be reading traditional and topic linked stories e.g. The Gingerbread Man, Rama and Sita story in Diwali, Christmas stories. Phonics sessions will be based on phase 1 activities. Self registration takes place when the children arrive for their session. We will be writing to Father Christmas.
Maths	In maths we will be sorting, counting, looking for shapes and exploring patterns.
Understanding the world	We will be looking at Autumn collections and exploring the natural world outside. We will be learning about how we celebrate special events at home e.g. birthdays, bonfire night and Christmas. We will be finding out how different cultures celebrate special events.
Expressive arts and design	We will be exploring dough, gloop and paints. Making firework pictures and rockets. We will be making rangoli patterns for Diwali and Christmas cards, decorations and presents. We will be learning lots of songs and singing to our families.