



Learning Preview Nursery  
Autumn Term  
**Autumn & Winter**



Books linked to our learning



- Diwali by Hannah Eliot  
That's When I'm Happy - Beth Shoshan  
The Wind Blew- Pat Hutchins  
Secrets of Winter - Carron Brown & Georgina Tee  
This is the Star by Joyce Dunbar  
Jesus' Christmas Party by Nicholas Allan

How our learning will link to our children's lives, interests and experiences

Children will be going to Elmwood Forest every Friday this half term and so they will be noticing the effect of the changes of seasons on the weather and on nature.

Learning about Festivals associated with the seasons will help children to become aware of beliefs and the similarities and differences between themselves and others and help their tolerance of differences to develop. Please let us know if your family observes any particular festivals this half term! (e.g. Halloween, Bonfire Night, Diwali, St Andrew's Day, Advent, Christmas etc)

How our learning will link to the wider world

- The children are learning to see what is the same and different between their own experiences and those of others. We will look for links between festivals such as fireworks, decorations, feasting etc.
- A reverse advent calendar teaches children about giving and not just receiving at Christmas time.
- The seasons change through the year in a pattern, helping your child to remember what they experienced last year in this season will help them to notice the patterns.

Singing time



Christmas Songs to Nursery Rhyme tunes  
(see attached sheet)

Diwali Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTkUj6H0G3A>

Phonics



**Rhyming**

- making up rhyming strings  
e.g. run, bun, fun
- Singing nursery rhymes

**Hearing first sounds** in words  
(playing "I spy")

**Alliteration** e.g. four fat frogs

**Blending & Segmenting**

Fine motor skills



- Scissor skills
- Correct Pencil Grip
- Drawing anti-clockwise circles
- Retracing vertical lines
- Writing some letters from our names with correct formation

Vocabulary

- Nature
- Seasons, winter, autumn changes
- Same & different
- Celebrations, Festivals
- Diwali, Christmas
- Belief
- Hindu, Christian

Ideas



People hold different beliefs and can be friends with others who don't believe the same as they do.

Traditions are a way of making us belong to a community- What family traditions do you have in your family?