Marvellous Me /Fire, Flashes & Festivals – Autumn Term topic information for Reception, Autumn Term, 2020.

Communication & Language

- Role-play home corner / police station / cafe
- Listening to range of stories, poems etc with focus on ourselves/our place in the world
- Feely bag games encouraging descriptive language
- Re-telling stories using story sacks as prompts
- Sharing family/holiday scrap books begin to experience speaking to an audience
- Exploring prepositions on an Autumn walk
- Show & Tell
- Exploring who we are focus through story by Oliver Jeffers as part of CLPE

Personal, Social & Emotional development (PSED)

- Introductions and building friendships
- Developing rules for Lion's Den / outdoor area
- Taking care of ourselves and our possessions
- Exploring areas of the classroom & resources
- Learning the routines of the school day
- Finding out about ourselves what can we do?
 Explore stories about caring for each other through role-play, small world and puppetry.
- WOW! Time sharing achievements from home
- Welcome! Why do we shake hands?
- Nurturing Family Links focus
- Focus on 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers

Physical Development

- Throwing & catching games, small ball skill activities
- Developing fine motor skills with threading / cutting / malleable and construction materials
- Play games Keeper of the keys etc
- Managing & organising clothing independently
- Exploring bikes, trikes & go-karts
- Exploring early handwriting skills using a variety of messy play activities to begin to develop letter formation



Maths

- Exploring number ordering, counting, sorting
- Data handling linked to bodies colour of hair/eyes/likes/dislikes
- Pattern repeating pattern/pattern in the environment
- Using positional language in a skeleton race
- Early addition and subtraction games
- Length investigations using non-standard measure hand span, footprints, body
- Capacity/weight and size linked to food
- Money exploring coins and quantities

Literacy

- Introduce Phonic program, children participate daily in activities linked to initial sounds to begin with.
 Homework linked to this daily
- Stories about new school experiences / bodies / festivals
- Experience book packs to explore at home
- Role play/small world Home/Doctors/cafe/firechief
- Speech bubbles
- Exploring big books linked to topics
- Producing class book
- Developing Literacy skills through 'Here we are.'

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Understanding the World

- Investigating our bodies naming parts, building skeletons
- Dentist visitor
- Exploring our outdoor environment
- Harvest festival food and songs. Cogges visit
- Seasons Autumn & Winter
- Discovery bottles
- Diwali festival, clothes, food
- Guy Fawkes/bonfire night investigating explosions
- Where did we go on holiday? Plotting on the map exploring globes, maps & atlases
- Christmas celebrations production, Roves Farm visit

Expressive Art and Design

- Painting/drawing focus portraits
- Designing a Divali lamp
- Making body music!
- Animal dance
- Body printing
- Artist focus Jackson Pollock
- Opportunities for role play and dressing up

Discrete subjects/Specialists

- **Phonics** Read Write Inc will be introduced on daily basis & link with topic wherever possible
- Music Introduction of listening skills and recognition of musical notation. Songs and rhymes about bodies/Harvest/Christmas plus individual program
- ICT Individualised program linked to topic
- Sport/swimming/PE /Dance & Drama will work through an individualised program, linking where possible to topic (No swimming initially)
- Mini Foresters Linking to topic where possible

Regular slots

- Show & Tell will take place on Fridays, please see rota. Focus on personal items important to them
- **WOW!** On Wednesdays we will share our celebrations and achievements from home. Please remember to send these in.



Please remember that these are starting points and provide just a simple outline of some of the activities we will cover across the term. We endeavour to allow the children to lead the learning wherever possible and seek to creatively enhance learning opportunities, whilst working towards the Early Learning Goals.

During the time of COVID awareness we will seek to ensure all children are frequently washing hands before taking part in new tasks, our classroom windows and doors will be open and we will endeavour to work in our outdoor classrooms as much as possible. Regular cleaning will go ahead throughout the day and thoroughly at the beginning of each new day (minimum).