Church Hill Autumn Term

Personal, social and emotional development

- **Welcoming new children and learning each other's names.**
- Developing independence and physical self-care.
- Develop a new 'rules' board with the children – how do we keep each other safe and happy? How do we look after the nursery environment and the resources?
- Myself – emotions, similarities, and differences.
- **Me and my family – sharing family photographs and learning about different families.**
- Black History Month.
- Celebrations – Diwali, Harvest, Christmas, birthdays (Guru Nanak), and Bonfire Night.

Understanding the world

- **Exploring photographs of each other's families.**
- Creating personal timelines.
- Winter – animal hibernation, animal homes, bird feeders.
- Day and night – exploring shadows and torches.
- Recycling week – junk modelling.
- Autumn and Harvest – changes we see in our world. Baking bread, making vegetable soup, observing and tasting different vegetables. Collecting acorns, leaves, and conkers.
- International Day – food, music and dance from other countries. Awareness of diversity.

Physical Development

- **Learning to travel on top of, over, and then jump safely off low-level apparatus.**
- **Using the large climbing equipment safely. Travelling in different ways and at different levels. Den building.**
- Mark making using a range of materials including large scale mark making.
- Getting fit and keeping fit, observing the effects of exercise on our bodies. Naming body parts.
- Learning circle, ring games, and group games.

Mathematics

- **Developing and using recipe cards.**
- Surveys – e.g. favourite fruit, ways to travel.
- Making patterns.
- Counting songs and rhymes – introducing numerals.
- Collecting, counting, and sorting by shape, colour etc. With leaves, twigs, found objects.
- Size and measures – comparing heights and using the language of size e.g. taller, shorter.
- Snack table maths – how many slices of toast will we need? Cutting fruit and discussing halves and quarters. Problem solving – do we have enough?
- Prepositional language – up, down, under etc.
- Times of the year.

Communication and language

- **ShREC to support communication and vocabulary development.**
- Using Tales Toolkit to create new stories.
- Sharing recent holidays and activities.
- Makaton signs – led by SEND team and shared at story time.
- Listening Walks.
- Stories and story-telling from different cultures and in different languages.

Literacy

- Literate role play – café, hairdresser, and Post Office.
- Learning to select name card.
- Developing story time routine and listening skills.
- **Tales Toolkit sessions.**
- Card making for different celebrations.
- Book making. E.g. 'All about me' and 'My Family'.
- Phase One Phonics.
- Learning new nursery rhymes.
- Listening to stories in different languages.
- **Large mark making – drawing pictures of myself and my family.**
- Environmental print.
- Signs and books in a variety of languages and scripts.

Mathematics – recipe cards for this term

- **Developing and using recipe cards.**
- Making play dough.
- Mixing powder paints to make new colours.
- Making bird feeders for winter.
- Recipe cards for the snack table.
- Recipe cards for the mud kitchen.

Expressive art and design

- Making peg dolls to represent each other.
- Printing.
- **Junk modelling – creating our homes.**
- Different artists – following our art calendar.
- Transient Art.
- Patterns – Mehndi, Rangoli.
- Large scale painting in a range of places – windows, puddles, table top.
- Firework art.
- **Music and dance from around the world. Steel band/African Drummers on International Day.**
- Clothes for different festivals and occasions.
- Clay work – leaf prints, Divas etc.
- Popular songs and rhymes.

Literacy – core books for Autumn I

- Owl Babies
- The Family Book/Who's in my family
- The tiger who came to tea
- So much
- My hair
- Rocket says, "Look up"
- Goodnight Spaceman
- Jamela's dress
- Pumpkin soup
- Don't throw that away

Literacy – core books for Autumn II

- Rama and Sita
- Ada Twist scientist
- Funnybones
- You choose
- It's ok to be different
- The jolly postman
- The Christmas Story