Nursery Autumn 2 2024	Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter *'Enjoyment, Achievement and Learning for life...'*	

Topic: Dark Is Fun!

The Big Picture

This half term brings lots of opportunities for exploring different traditions and celebrations. We will look at different festivals, and how different cultures and families celebrate in different ways.
We will be enjoying all that this time of the year brings to us including – Bonfires and fireworks, Remembrance day and Christmas, not to forget the pleasure of observing the changes that the seasons will bring.
Once again our learning will be lead with high quality texts and we will be providing the children with a range of different fun explorative experiences aimed to stimulate their senses and cater for their different interests.
Finally we will be preparing for our Christmas Nativity performance, learning the story of the Nativity and making preparations to celebrate with our friends and families.

Key Information and Dates

As the weather begins to change, please ensure your child has suitable outdoor clothing as we will still be accessing the outdoor play area, wind, rain or shine! We will also be sneaking into forest school when the opportunity arises. Please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat and suitable footwear. Wellies that ca n we left in school would be great as puddle jumping is always a favourite during this time of year!

F**riday 13th November:** Children In Need

Friday 28th November—WPS Winter Fair

Monday 7th December either 9:30 /14:00 : EYFS Nativity Performances

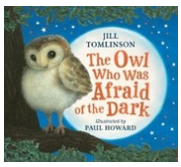
Thursday 10th December: Christmas Jumper Day

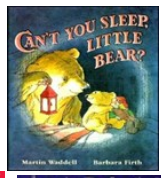
Wednesday 16h December: Christmas dinner and parties

Friday 18th December: Last day of school

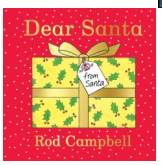
Communication and language

Class Texts:











Literacy Focus:

Literacy plays a big part in our Nursery curriculum. We will be making lots of opportunities to listen to and follow instructions. Making time to talk with our friends and our adults, and trying to use longer sentences to share our ideas.
We will be taking part in whole class and group sessions focusing on Phase 1 Phonics (Pre Phonics activities) and continuing to use singing as a platform for learning new vocabulary and developing our language skills. We will begin listening to stories that are longer and try to remember and recall what happens to tell our friends and grownups.

Home Learning

At home please encourage your child to develop their independence. It would be helpful if the Elmers could practice putting on and taking off their own coats. Allow the children time to talk and share with others any exciting things they have been doing at home and try to encourage turn taking and sharing.

Maths	
Number	We will be thinking about numbers as we play. Counting how many plates and cups we need in the roleplay area. Counting our friends as we line up for snack time and planning in lots more opportunities for seeing and using numbers within our continuous provision. During our Math sessions we will be learning how to count objects accurately using touch counting and one to one correspondence, At singing time we will be including a selection of number songs and rhymes, 5 Little Speckled Frogs, 5 Little Men in an Flying Saucer and lots more.
Numerical Patterns	We will also be using the language of size to describe objects and things around us and knowing the difference between big and small

Understanding the World	
History	We will be Sharing experiences of festivals, birthdays, bonfire night, Diwali & talk about the similarities & differences. We will also explore the importance of Remembrance Day
Geography	We will be heading out on some winter walks around the school thinking about the different things that we can see along the way and also thinking about our route up to forest school and thinking about how we can describe this route to our friends and grown ups
Science	We will be looking out for seasonal changes and how we know that its changing from Autumn to Winter— Shorter days, cold weather/frost, bare trees, wearing warmer clothes

Physical development	To develop our fine motor skills we will be exploring a range of different activities aimed at strengthening the muscles in our hands is preparation for writing for example—dough disco, squiggle whilst you wiggle and many more. We will have lots of opportunities to develop our gross motor skills run, climb, ride and throw using the equipment in our outside space and will continue to participate in dancing/ Yoga activities in the classroom
Personal, social, emotional development	We will learn to choose and use resources that we would like to play with learning how to use them correctly and how to look after them. We will learn about making healthy choices about food, drink, activity, tooth brushing. And learn to become increasingly more independent.
Expressive art and design	We will be choosing and using different materials to create art work linked to different key events and festivals— Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Christmas We will use junk modelling and our construction toys to develop our DT skills practicing building, joining and recreating patterns and designs. We will be able to use our imaginations in the role play area and small world and begin to add narrative to our play. And alongside our usual singing sessions we will be learning a selection of new songs linked to our Christmas performance.
Religious Education	We will be thinking about the festival of Christmas, the different events and celebrations that some people will take part in at this time of year. We will be thinking about special people in our lives, the custom of giving and receiving gifts and saying thank you. We will listen to the Christmas story and think about the different characters in the story.