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Learning Exploration: Changes

This half term, the children will be looking at changes. Children notice changes around them every day. They notice when their environment changes or when the weather makes an unexpected change. This half term we will focus on the changes to the seasons. The children will build on their vocabulary as they encounter different types of weather within each season.

The children will also be exploring what makes a good friend and using this to support their understanding of similarities and difference.

Hook into learning:

The children will explore different forms of Winter poetry, culminating in them creating their own Winter poem and performing it to their classmates.

Journey through the exploration

Children will be exploring seasonal changes as a continuation from our 'Plants' topic in science.

Children will be encouraged to observe the world around them and recognise change as we move from Autumn to Winter. We will be looking at the celebrations that take place at this time of the year.

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Linked subjects

Through this exploration, learning will be linked where appropriate, including in the following subjects:

- Geography – Where we live within the UK. We will explore different sorts of places within the UK, showing an opinion of where we would like to live.
- Science – Seasonal changes
- PHSE - Celebrating difference

The following subjects will be taught discretely during this half term:

- Maths – Addition and subtraction.
- Maths – Shape moving on to Geometry
- RE – Winter celebrations. Why does Christmas matter to Christians

Children will continue to work on their individualised targets based on the outcomes in their EHCPs, termly SEND plans and any reports from outside agencies.

Writing

Children will explore the genre of Poetry writing through different poets including 'Cold' from Snow in the Garden by Shirley Hughes.

Opportunities for writing across the curriculum:

- Geography – To write about things in the local area that are important to us.
- Science - to contrast the seasonal changes.

Maths

Children will explore:

- Two-digit numbers, with a focus on understanding the associated numerals and the place value of each digit within a number.
- 3D shapes with a focus on identifying each shape using the correct vocabulary.







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Opportunities to build cultural capital

Cultural capital is the essential knowledge that pupils need to be educated citizens, introducing them to the best that has been thought and said, and helping to engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement.
At NCSPA, we aim to build cultural capital through experiences such as trips, visitors, music and providing local links.

This half term, options may include:

- Attending trips organised by the class teachers.
- Playing a part in the performances as appropriate towards the end of term.
- Performing their Winter poems to their peers.

Opportunities for shared outcomes

Children will have the opportunity to produce or take part in one or more of the following:

- Attending trips organised by the class teachers.
- Playing a part in the performances as appropriate towards the end of term.
- Performing their Winter poems to their peers.



Opportunities to address Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

- PSHE – Exploring 'same' and 'different' among ourselves.
- Theme of our Learning Exploration – Celebrating changes that occur and encouraging open-minded thinking, welcoming change and new thinking in all aspects of life.



Further curriculum information

If you would like any further information regarding the curriculum, please:

- Speak to Ms Hurley or Ms Perkins.
- See your child's class information on Seesaw.
- Visit the Curriculum pages on our website.



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