

Communication and Language

Listened to firework sounds and think of words to describe what we heard.
Kippers birthday – what did he do wrong?
Acting out narratives - Rama and Sita,
Big book. The story of Rama and Sita. Watch DVD-Diwali celebrations.
Christmas story. Watch DVD. Celebration of Christmas. Link with Christmas production.
Saying lines and learning songs for the Christmas production.

Literacy

Making invitations.
Writing fireworks sound (whizz, bang etc)
Acrostic poems using the words Bonfire or firework
Talk for writing the Diwali story.
Talk for write the Christmas story.
Instruction writing-Making paper chains
Letters to Santa.

Understanding of the World

Using Purple mash/colour magic create a firework explosion
Tasting food from around the world - Diwali party (Pyjama day).
Christmas party
Light and Dark investigations.
Design a birthday card using colour magic/purple mash.
Think about family traditions at Christmas- How do we celebrate?

Display Opportunities

Diwali and Christmas talk for writing.
Role play party.
Fireworks (paint splat paper and glitter)
Party people numbers and cards for amount in home corner.
Electricity display (with electrical objects)
Diwali diva lamp display with books and costumes.

Personal and Social Development

Party in home corner.
Discussion on sharing, receiving and giving presents.
How do we behave? Bonfire safety posters- Keeping safe on Bonfire Night.
Bullying-link with the Diwali story. Was Ravanna kind to Sita?
Discuss who we invite to parties, what sort of things could we eat. Plan a Diwali party.
Recognise the importance of sharing and giving.
Comparing family traditions around the holiday season.
Taking turns and sharing.
Christmas party games. Pass the parcel.
Musical bumps etc

Theme



Celebrations

Assessment

Lit – t4w Rama and Sita (Diwali story)
Maths – Problem solving sweetie sort.
UW – Light and dark investigation (observational).
EAD – Candle observations.

Dressing up days, visits and visitor opportunities

Pyjama day – Wednesday 18th Nov/ Diwali party
Christmas production
Christmas jumper/outfit (whole school)
Santa visiting.
Christmas party.

Physical Development

Actions to music. Listen and move to firework music (Let's Move)
Diwali dancing – Lets move.
Travelling in different directions
Making a sequence of movement, dance and drama connected to Christmas production.
Cutting out electric items.
Build a castle for Rama and Sita.
Dot to dots of key Christmas characters.

Maths

Repeating patterns on henna handprints.
Sorting 2d and 3d shapes/ Pouring juice capacity.
Weighing parcels heaviest and lightest.
Tallest and shortest ordering Christmas trees/snowmen
Times of the day.How many times do we use the words time? counting down to Christmas. (advent calendars)
Sorting dolly mixtures/smarties
Measuring ribbons and paper chains length.

Expressive Art and Design

Make Diwali lamps – Divas
Handles firework music
2d/3d fireworks
Singing songs/ making cakes and biscuits from playdough.
Christmas craft morning (carousel of activities)
Rangoli patterns
Collage Diwali characters/Christmas story characters.
Observational drawings of candles.

Homework

1. Make a safety poster for bonfire night.
2. Design an outfit for Rama and Sita (template)
3. Look in your house and find things that use electricity.
4. Find objects and sort them into heavy and light sets.
5. Record you families birthdays.
6. Learn a Christmas poem or song to share with the class.