Nursery Learning Block 2

Longmoor Community Primary School

Autumn Term 1

Staff:

Mrs. Gough **Mrs. Saunders**

Mrs. Callaghan **Mrs. Mannion**

Literacy

World Nursery Rhyme Week 9th – 13th November

Row Row Row Your Boat

1-2-3-4-5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive

Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat

Dr. Foster

Hickory Dickory Dock

Communication & Language

- Learn new vocabulary (cosy, den, hibernate, ice etc.)
- Talk about illustrations in books and stories
- Join in with nursery rhymes and nativity songs
- Follow simple directions

Understanding the World

- Learn about festivals in different cultures and faiths (Diwali, Christmas)
- Investigate, make, melt and explore ice, as part of a wider study on Bears, Polar Regions and Winter
- Locate polar regions on a globe
- Retell the Christmas story
- Explore outdoor weather and seasonal changes using all senses
- Investigate and explore light and dark

Maths

- Sorting
- Subitising up to 2
- Recognising 1 and 2
- 1:1 counting
- Repeating patterns

Writing

Early writing (hand strengthening) exercises (using Letterjoin):

- **Mark-making**
- **Paper chains**
- **Bead threading**
- **Manipulating clay and playdough**
- **Vertical painting on easels (standing up) to develop shoulder muscles**

Expressive Art and Design

- Making Diwa lamps in clay for Diwali
- Transient art using light boxes
- Nativity performance
- Christmas crafts
- Making fruit lollies
- Make, design and test boats
- Informal Nursery Rhyme Week performances
- Playing instruments to accompany rhymes and songs
- Making cake for Jesus' birthday

Physical Development

- **Balancing**
- **Changing direction**
- **Jumping and landing safely**
- **Snipping with scissors**
- **Pressing shapes in playdough**
- **Threading**
- **Creating a short sequence on mats and benches**

PSED

- **Select activities independently**
- **Learn to share toys and props**
- **Self-regulate feelings and manage excited emotions during performances and festive events**
- **Ask for and accept adult help when needed**

Dates for the diary:

9th – 13th November: Nursery Rhyme Week

23rd November: School Photograph Day

14th December: Nursery Nativity (9:45 am)

16th December: Christmas Jumper Day

18th December: Break Up