

St Thomas More R.C. Primary - Nursery Class
What I am Learning - Autumn 2: 'Fairy tales & Christmas

Area of Learning	Activities	Area of Learning	Activities
Communication and Language	This half term we will be continuing to develop our listening skills through circle time activities. We will be discussing different festivals and celebrations e.g. Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday and exploring how we and others celebrate these. We will also be spending time learning about The First Christmas and discussing this special time of year. Our 'small world' area will reflect our topic of 'Fairy tales' as will our role play area outdoors.	Mathematics:	In our Maths work, we will be focussing on recognising and counting to 10 and beyond and practising counting out a number of objects accurately. We will encourage the children to draw pictures and mark make to represent a number. In addition to this we will look closely at one or two numbers each week, spending a few minutes each day looking at, recognising, counting out and representing a specific number.
Physical Development	We will be continuing to focus on developing the children's fine and gross motor skills through different activities in our continuous provision. The children will have continuous access to pens, pencils, children's scissor, paintbrushes and playdough. The children will also take part in weekly 'Write Dance' sessions – a fun programme which uses music and movement to introduce writing to young children. We are encouraging the children to manage their basic hygiene needs and to wash and dry their own hands regularly. We are encouraging the children to put on and take off their own coats and hang them on their own coat peg.	Understanding the World	We will continue to look closely at the natural world and seasonal changes in our environment and discuss them. We will be discussing and learning more about different Festivals and Celebrations – Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas. In Religion we will be discussing how we are welcomed in to God's family, we will be encouraging the children to recall and discuss special memories such as babies being born in their families, baptisms and share photographs of their own baptisms. We will also be continuing to develop our Technology skills and using different equipment such as the Interactive Whiteboard and iPads.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	We will continue to reinforce our positive class rules, routines and boundaries. We will continue with circle time activities, modelling positive behaviours/friendships and discussing different aspects of our feelings. Through our Religion work, we will be learning more about how we welcome people into our own and God's family (including Baptisms) and we will learn about Advent and how people celebrate Jesus' birthday each year.	Expressive Arts and Design	The children have continuous access to our Creative Area and Painting Easel. We will be encouraging children to use tools such as pen, pencils, paintbrushes and scissors with care and to give meanings to the marks they make. We will be using different media and materials to create pictures related to our class text 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children will use a variety of resources to design their own gingerbread men and be given the opportunity to experiment with different styles of painting. In Music, the children have access to instruments within our outdoor area and are encouraged to sing, dance and perform on our outdoor 'stage'.
Literacy: Comprehension, Reading & Writing	We will be working on our new text 'The Gingerbread Man' in addition to many other fairy tale texts. We will be designing our own gingerbread men and will even be baking our own gingerbread men over the next few weeks. We will be encouraging children to engage in discussions around our class texts, join in with repeated refrains and to handle books with care. The children will be encouraged and given lots of opportunities to take part in different styles of mark making and to give meanings to the marks they make. We will also be looking at the story of the First Christmas and enjoy looking at a range of Christmas texts.	Outdoor Provision	We will be working outdoors each day in our provision which will include; a Maths Area, a Writing area, a 'fairy tale castle', a bug hotel, a reading area and a nature kitchen. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing every day. We will also access the wider school environment to explore our surroundings.