



Treetop Explorers

Reception:

Essential Knowledge

By the end of this topic children will:

- Broaden experiences to use writing for different purposes.
- Focus on how we and others feel and the reasons why.
- Explore the way we and others live their lives.
- Manipulate different materials for a planned effect.

Sensational Start

Children follow a trail into the woods and discover a magical surprise.

Extraordinary Extra

Decorate gingerbread men.

Fabulous Finish

Fairytale afternoon tea party.

Key Dates:

— Theme Content— Curriculum links

Literacy and C and L

The children will continue to broaden their experiences in writing for different purposes. They will explore different stories and begin to write about them. The children will be introduced to speech bubbles and will begin to retell different events that happen in stories.

Key Texts - Ladybird
Favourite Fairy Tales



Personal, Social and Emotional

The children will talk about their experiences of Christmas and how they are similar/ different to each other. We will discuss and remind each other of our classroom rules. The children will talk about why it is important to work as a team and the importance of good listening. We will discuss different feelings and how and why you might be feeling different ways. The children will talk about our likes and dislikes. We will talk about ways we can keep safe.

Understanding the World

The children will explore different celebrations. We will explore what different people believe and the difference this makes to how they live their lives. They will investigate different materials and carry out experiments. We will investigate and sort different objects into the correct groups. We will continue to talk about how stay safe online.

Physical Development

Children will build up a repertoire of songs and simple dances. They will be confident enough to sing and perform these dances in a group. They will also be able to adapt and change each dance, thinking about the mood and style, as well as developing a range of different moves to slightly change each dance. We will continue to expose the children to various fine motor activities throughout the half term.



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Expressive Arts and
Design

The children will design and make a gingerbread man. We will use different materials to make a house for the 3 little pigs. The children will use their imagination to paint their favourite book character or setting. We will create a picture using different vegetables. The children will take part in an observational drawings.

Maths

The children will use different resources to make pairs. We will be comparing mass and capacity, length and heights. The children will focus on number bonds to 5 and then beyond. We will represent, compare and look at the composition of single digit numbers.

Outdoor Learning
Sessions

The children will compare similarities and differences between different natural objects. The children will complete some tree and leaf rubbing pictures.

