

Barton Playgroup October 2018

Activities for the topic of Autumn & Autumn Festivals; Shapes and Colours and Christmas

Including Halloween Oct 31st; Firework Night Nov 5th; Diwali Wed 7th Nov; Thanksgiving Thurs 22nd Nov; Hanukkah Sun 2nd - Mon 10th Dec

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As part of last term's All About Me topic the children developed a set of rules for Playgroup which we will now refer to. They are on display on the back wall so that you can be aware of them and reinforce them at home. For Children in Need on Fri 16th Nov, we will have a stay and play fundraising messy session including a fun activity around our work on Talk Pants. The children will be encouraged to think of those less fortunate than themselves and think of things that they are thankful for as part of Thanksgiving.

Communication & Language

There will be a variety of less familiar objects and artefacts around the celebrations for the children to name and describe. We will make up rhymes about the sounds of fireworks, an Autumn walk and things that hands can do. There will be a variety of adult led activities that require the children to listen to directions.

Physical Development

There will be PE activities each day, either indoor or outside. Inside will include yoga, parachute activities, assault courses, large arm movements with streamers and dance. As part of Thanksgiving we will look at American sports. We will return to the topic of healthy eating discussing different vegetables when we scoop out our pumpkin and make soup. There will also be opportunities to develop gross and fine motor skills with small and large scale art projects. We will look at keeping ourselves safe and healthy with DVDs about how to behave on Firework Night and about a healthy lifestyle.

Literacy

We will look at our non-fiction books about the various religious celebrations. As part of Thanksgiving we will make a totem/story telling pole to sit around and make up stories, some of which we will make into books. Please bring in any books that you have on the topics to share.

Understanding the World

We have a very good DVD called 'A Child's Eye View of Festivals' that explains the celebrations and their stories brilliantly to the children, which we will expand on with art activities, music, food and dance. We will use the ICT game World Explorer to learn about the countries in which the celebrations take place. There are also a variety of ICT games to help learn about colour and shape. As Diwali and Hanukkah are festivals of light we will experiment with torches and reflective materials in the dark den and relate this to road safety for the darker nights. We will go over to school to watch the final rehearsal of their Nativity Play and to study Autumn at their forest school area.

Mathematics

We will learn to recognise and name common 2d shapes and look for them in the environment. We will play sorting games concerned with colour and shape, counting the totals in each group. We will also count totals playing skittles. When we make our Thanksgiving Hands we will concentrate on the number 5 and sing a variety of number

rhymes necessitating adding or subtracting one more. As part of Diwali we will look at symmetrical Rangoli patterns.

Expressive Arts and Design

As part of Thanksgiving we will have Native American role play with headdresses, teepees, campfires, drums, Native American music and babies in Papooses (very topical!). We will experiment with colour mixing primary colours and look at Autumnal colours. We will produce a lot of artwork that creates different patterns so we will look at and describe these. We will make cards to celebrate the different festivals.

As ever, if you can contribute in any way please let me know.

There will be a Christmas party and a performance on the last day of term.