

Stories and Songs we are teaching this term

Funny bones (poetry)
Sparks in the sky (fiction)
What happens at Hanukkah (Non-fiction)
Little Santa (Fiction)

Action song- singing walrus
Days of the week song
Halloween songs: Halloween Stomp- The Singing Walrus & 5 little pumpkins
Firework song: Colourful fireworks song- Lellobee
Hanukah song: Hanukkah oh Hanukkah- The Kiboomers
Christmas songs: Five little elves & I'm a little snowman

Literacy

Literacy- This term we will be covering the stories listed above, which cover poetry, fiction and non-fiction books which focus on celebrations. We will be focusing on characters and scenes within the stories, by exploring the props within the story, creating descriptive sentences from a page of the story, tracing and copying key words from the story and developing our accuracy of tracing. We will also be exploring marks made in different textures, such as gooey Halloween buckets, festive tinsel Christmas trays and sparkly firework trays. The pupils will be completing comprehension tasks about the scenes and characters within the books, such as creating sentences about a dark staircase or a tall white skeleton.

Communication We will be focusing on turn taking with another partner, this will be through games such as kerplunk, fishing games and hungry hippos. We will also be focusing on using aided communication boards efficiently, focusing on commenting on using the new boards correctly and commenting on 'my tum', 'your tum'.

Phonics- Some pupils will be focusing on book exploration and recognition, encouraged to explore and give feedback about the book. Some pupils will be focusing on sound and letter recognition, and blending letters learnt to make a short word. Other pupils will be working on exploring books, turning pages and engaging in book talk.

Problem Solving and Reasoning

Numeracy – Pupils will be working on calculation, focusing on sharing out toys/food/clothing and others will be exploring fractions. Within calculation, we will also be focusing on adding one more, and one less, calculating the total. Other pupils will be subtracting objects from a group in functional activities, and calculating the total. Within the term, we will be focusing on positional language within everyday instructions, and completing patterns.

Celebrations

Term 2

Penguin Class



How you can help at home

We would love to see any of the things you get up to at home on Evisense!

Play simple turn taking games to encourage them to wait their turn and develop play skills.

Develop their understanding of road safety when out and about.

Encourage your child to join in with cooking and preparing food at home. Practicing skills such as chopping, spreading, sprinkling and mixing and making choices of what they would like e.g. toppings on a pizza/toppings on a salad. Even ask them to help you prepare their lunch.

Reading to them every day, questioning them about what is happening on each page and asking them to locate key characters on each page.

Other Curriculum areas:

Topic- The pupils will be engaging in sensory experiences about the celebrations we will be learning about. We will be learning about bonfire night and the traditional activities involved, e.g. popping paint balloons to make fireworks. We will be exploring Hanukkah traditions, such as spinning the dreidel and lighting the menorah. Finally, we will be learning about Christmas and the traditions within the day, such as wrapping and unwrapping presents, decorating the class and having a Christmas party.

Science- The pupils will be exploring, identifying and describing the differences between light and dark, day and night, light sources and sound sources.

Art/D.T- This term we will be making pumpkins, firework paintings, bonfires using sticks, dreidels, Christmas trees and salt dough decorations. We will be using different materials and exploring different textures.

Cooking- We are focusing on making food that we choose the toppings for. This includes toffee apples, firework cookies, menorah snacks, latkes, Christmas tree cakes and gingerbread houses.

Highlights

We have some special birthdays this term so will be having birthday parties!

We are looking forward to trick or treating at school in our costumes. We are looking forward to our topic lessons, experiences of Hanukkah, Christmas and Bonfire night.

We are looking forward to recording our Christmas show and having a Christmas party.

