Penwortham Primary School

Pre School Medium Term Plan - Autumn 2

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<tr><th colspan="3">Autumn 2</th></tr>
<tr><td>Theme & Focus
Out of this world

Space and aliens
Autumn
Celebrations
Christmas</td><td>Dates to note
4th Nov – Reading Cafe
5th Nov – Bonfire night
8th Nov – Diwali
11th Nov – Remembrance Day
13th Nov – Children in Need
17th & 18th Nov – Parents Evening
16th –20th Nov– Anti Bullying Week
10th Dec – Christmas jumper day
15th Dec – Nativity
18th Dec – Finish for Christmas</td><td>Texts of the half term
Fiction - Whatever Next? & How to catch a star
Non-Fiction – On the Moon
Rhyme - Alien’s love underpants

Focus Three
The leaf thief
Stanley’s stick
Stick man</td></tr>
<tr><td>Communication and Language</td><td colspan="2">- We will listen to stories linked to space, autumn and Christmas, developing our ability to focus and respond to what we have heard.
- We will use pictures, props and story discussions to help us understand and talk about familiar stories.
- We will develop our vocabulary through exploring new topics, including space, autumn and celebrations.
- We will practice listening to others when they are speaking and begin to ask simple questions using words such as 'what'.
- We will use words to communicate our ideas, needs and experiences, building confidence when speaking to adults and other children.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Personal, Social and Emotional</td><td colspan="2">- We will continue to develop our understanding of our Pre-School rules, learning to look after our toys, equipment and environment.
- We will develop our confidence when trying new activities, encouraging a positive attitude towards having a go.
- We will learn to play alongside others, showing an interest in their play and taking part in simple turn-taking games.
- We will develop independence in our daily routines, including washing our hands after using the toilet with fewer reminders.
- We will explore kindness and friendship through stories, discussions and Anti-Bullying Week, learning how our actions can make others feel.</td></tr>
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Physical Development	- We will develop our balance and coordination through PE and outdoor provision, including climbing, swinging and exploring balance bikes. - We will practise moving safely and confidently around our environment, using climbing equipment with adult support. - We will develop our fine motor control through activities such as threading, cutting, mark making and manipulating small objects. - We will explore using different tools and implements, including scissors, pencils, paintbrushes and glue sticks. - We will strengthen our hand muscles and coordination through Dough Disco, Squiggle While You Wiggle and other fine motor activities.
Literacy	- We will enjoy sharing stories, including Whatever Next?, How to Catch a Star and Stick Man, talking about the pictures and what is happening. - We will develop our understanding of books, learning to turn pages carefully and recognising that print carries meaning. - We will join in with familiar nursery rhymes, songs and repeated phrases, including Aliens Love Underpants. - We will explore mark making through a range of activities, including drawing, painting and following large patterns, developing our control and confidence. - Our phonics focus will be Phase 1 – *Aspect 1 (Environmental Sounds) and Aspect 2 (Instrumental Sounds)*. We will practise listening carefully, identifying and distinguishing between sounds and joining in with familiar rhymes.
Maths	- We will continue to develop our understanding of numbers 1–3, recognising small quantities without counting and identifying groups of objects in different arrangements. - We will practice counting to 5 through number songs, rhymes and practical activities, beginning to count independently. - We will explore the language of 'same' and 'equal' when comparing groups of objects. - We will investigate 2D and 3D shapes through construction, selecting and combining shapes to create models such as rockets, houses and bridges. - We will explore positional language, including 'on top', 'under', 'in front', 'behind' and 'next to', through practical games and play. - We will explore coins and different ways of paying for things through role play and familiar experiences. - We will develop our understanding of time through daily routines, learning about today, yesterday, tomorrow and the days of the week.

Expressive Arts and Design	- We will explore different materials and techniques to create artwork inspired by space, autumn and Christmas, including painting, printing, collage and mark making. - We will develop our independence when creating, learning to select materials and use glue sticks to join them together. - We will use our imagination to create models and pictures, including rockets, aliens and Christmas decorations. - We will explore music and movement through familiar songs, nursery rhymes and Christmas performances, developing confidence in singing and joining in. - We will develop our imaginative play through small world and role play, using familiar props to recreate stories and experiences.
Understanding the World	- We will explore space through stories, pictures and non-fiction books, learning about the Sun, Moon, stars, planets and astronauts. - We will investigate the changing seasons, observing the weather and exploring autumn leaves, sticks, conkers and other natural materials. - We will use our senses to investigate natural objects and materials, noticing similarities, differences and changes in our environment. - We will talk about special celebrations and traditions, including Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas, recognising that different families celebrate in different ways. - We will learn about the Christmas story and explore how Christmas is celebrated by different families. - We will share our own experiences of celebrations, using language such as 'then', 'now', 'next' and 'before' to talk about events. - We will continue to develop kindness and care towards our friends, families and the environment.