

Spring 1 Curriculum Map – Our Wonderful World

Focus book – Stick Man by Julia Donaldson

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Revisit and establish new Pre-school routines.
- How do we feel? Explore emotions what they can look like or feel like.
- Create smelling pots by adding scents or smelly objects inside spice jars. As the children smell each pot, can they describe the smell? Do they like it? Children can sort the smelling pots onto happy and sad faces to show how the smell makes them feel.

Communications and Language

- Explore a winter tuff tray using magnifying glasses talking and describing what they see.
- Share and discuss our different experiences of Christmas.
- Play a simple game of 'I Spy' with children, using colour names or descriptive words, such as 'I spy something red' or 'I spy something bumpy.'

Physical Development

- Go on a five senses scavenger hunt.
- Encourage scissor skills by providing a range of different sensory materials that can be snipped, such as cooked spaghetti, grass, lavender stems or jelly.
- Join in and learn some simple yoga poses.

Literacy

- Use props/puppets to act out and retell the story of Stick Man.
- Explore and learn different features of a book such as the front cover, spine, title etc
- Explore poems and rhymes and create our own.



Mathematics

- Use a range of shapes to create snowmen naming the shapes they use.
- Compare, measure and count a selection of natural materials particularly sticks.
- Follow a pattern card and create our own.

Understanding the World

- Explore the winter bird observatory.
- Make bird feeders and discuss why these are needed during the colder months.
- Explore how to stay safe online.

Expressive Art and Design

- Use a range of materials to create our own Stick Man.
- Using mirrors or photos to reflect, create a self-portrait using various materials
- Explore simple colour mixing, using prime colours.

Ideas to help at home

- Read or watch Julia Donaldson's Stick Man [Storytime for Kids Read Aloud: Stickman by Julia Donaldson](#)
- Talk about what else you could do with a stick.... fishing pole, a wand the ideas are endless! [Stick Crafts and Activities for Kids - Woodland Trust](#)