Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary Academy
Medium Term plan
Autumn 2 2026/27
Reception: Antarctica & Arctic classes

Winter Wonderland and Celebrations

"Our objective led planning is subject to change dependent on the needs and interests of the individual pupils in our EYFS classes, in order to provide a fully immersive, responsive and engaging curriculum for our learners, thus achieving the best outcomes possible for all."

Autumn 2	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
W/C	02/11/26	09/11/26	16/11/26	23/11/26	30/11/26	07/12/26	14/12/26
Focus Text	Binny's Diwali	The Gruffalo	The Gruffalo	The Tree	Eight Nights, eight lights	The Nativity	The Nativity
Special Events	Bonfire Night 5th Diwali 8th	Recycling week Remembrance Day 11th Odd socks Day 12th	Trip to High lodge? TBC Road safety week Anti-bullying week Children in need 20th	National tree week	Advent begins Hannukah 4th	Nativity performances Christmas jumper day 10th	Church service/Christingle
Phonics RWI Set 1 → 2 *if and when ready for some pupils/ groups*							
Communication and Language	Rhyme and reason	Gruffalo Hunt – what can be heard/ seen/ felt/ found? Listening Focus	Orally Tell how to make Gruffalo Crumble Story retelling with props at 'the theatre'	Follow instructions Verbally share simple facts Syllables	Discuss and share ideas and feelings of others.	Learn and perform parts of the Nativity Performance.	Learn and perform parts of the Nativity Performance.
Physical Development	Funky fingers station: cheerios on spaghetti to match the number shown. Cutting on the zig zags Dough Disco PE	Funky fingers station: Threading buttons on to pipecleaners Tweezers to sort sequins and beads. Dough Disco PE	Funky fingers station: lolly pop sticks with numbers; add the correct number of pegs. Marble in a numicon piece. Dough Disco PE	Funky fingers station: feed the monster (tennis ball) Dough Disco PE	Funky fingers station: Cut out and stick shapes onto the Christmas Tree. Dough Disco PE	Funky fingers station: threading to make a Christmas decoration. Dough Disco PE	Funky fingers station: cut free the trapped winter animals. Dough Disco PE

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Literacy (R&W)	Writing own name. Create story map. Labelling – identify initial sounds. Mark marking on trees – wrap in paper with hanging pens.	Writing own name. Matching rhyming words/ picture cards from the story. Write a shopping list for Gruffalo Crumble [Ind. Initial sounds] 5 sentence story.	Writing initial sounds. Initial sound/ CVC word writing for Gruffalo characters Writing what Gruffalo says 5 sentence story.	Writing initial sounds. Create a joint poster to promote taking care of our environments and looking after our trees.	Identifying sounds within words. CVC word writing Writing invites to Hannukah celebration.	5 sentence story. Christmas CVC word writing Letter to Father Christmas.	Writing CVC words. 5 sentence story. Writing Christmas Cards
Maths	It's me 1, 2, 3 (part two) 1 more 1 less Composition of 1, 2 and 3	Circles and triangles	Find 4 and 5 Subitise 4 and 5 Represent 4 and 5	1 more 1 less Composition of 4 and 5	Shapes with 4 sides	consolidation of learning	consolidation of learning
Topic *PSED, UtW, EAD,*	UtW: change in seasons. Compare summer and Autumn. UtW/ EAD: Rangoli rice patterns UtW: Bonfire Night; Guy Fawkes EAD: Firework pictures	UtW: Remembrance Sunday. Poppy Craft UtW: taking photos during the Gruffalo hunt UtW: hibernation.	UtW: draw Gruffalo using ICT. EAD: stick painting. UtW: noticing change – what happens when things are frozen? EAD: building snow structures with sugar cubes	PSED: What are you thankful for? EAD: songs and rhymes. EAD: leaf printing PSED: how can we protect our planet? Recycling UtW: noticing seasonal changes.	Nativity Play Rehearsal EAD: external music teaching. UtW: Discuss and explore celebrations around the World. Why is Hannukah important in the Jewish calendar? How is Hannukah celebrated?	Nativity Play Rehearsal & Recording EAD: Christmas Cards EAD: external music teaching. UtW: noticing seasonal changes.	UtW: noticing seasonal changes. EAD: external music teaching. EAD: seasonal art collage.
Outdoor Learning Focus	Building dens/ homes for the woodland animals	Birdfeeders	Making Stickman and his family – comparing lengths	Making hedgehog homes using leaves, sticks and natural resoruces	What's in your circle? A nature walk with hoops. Look in the hoop at different parts and see what you can discover and discuss.	3-2-1 Listen and Recall. Wider outdoor environment.	Art in Nature.