

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Talking about the safety of bonfire night and who can help us?
Talk about likes and dislikes of bonfire night. Why?
Using wrapping paper and boxes to create presents for others and share
Talking about how our families might celebrate Christmas
Using the story of Giganotosaurus to discuss about what we would do asking them open questions
Talk about what we can do to deal with conflict

Understanding of the World

Tuff tray with dinosaurs, rocks, sticks and other natural materials in to promote discussion about the natural world
Frozen dinosaurs – what could we use to get them out?
Seasonal changes
Who helps us to be safe on Bonfire night?
Role play fire fighters
Nature collection, stick etc to create our own stick man
Cooking gingerbread men

Expressive Arts and Design

Use dinosaurs in the playdough to recognise different marks
Role play of Santa's workshop
Marble rolling and tea bag throwing to create firework art
Using tinsel as an incentive to dance like a firework
Polar express and post office role play
Christmas decorations
Poppy craft
Songs and rhymes
Five fat Snowmen Rhyme
Father Christmas Song
5 Christmas Puddings Song
Santa's Coming! Listening Game
Santa got stuck up the chimney

Literacy

Creating bonfire pictures using a variety of mark making skills
Making labels for the presents from Santa
Various books about celebrating Christmas
Use large chalks to create fireworks on the floor
Use the story tyrannosaurus drip to encourage rhyming words and continue rhyming string
Writing tickets for people to aboard the polar express
Write Christmas cards to friends and post them in the post box
Mark making to create patterns for wrapping paper

Communication and Language

Read Harry and bucketful of dinosaurs discussing about the story
Dinosaur slime – discussion texture and smell
Listen to and act out the nativity scene with friends – using small world people to reenact the story
Use snack times to allow children quiet times to chat to friends

Topic:
'Dinosaurs'

Including:
Bonfire night/ Christmas/
Remembrance Day

Text(s):

- Harry's bucketful of dinosaurs
- Giganotosaurus by Johnny Duddle
- Nativity story
- Stick man

Nursery



Term:

Autumn 2

Hook

Dinosaur egg



Physical Development

Developing cutting skills by cutting natural objects to add to playdough such as herbs to make wreaths
Making paper chains to decorate the room by cutting, sticking and decorating
Archaeological dig for bones and eggs using brushes to dust off the sand.
Decorate the Christmas tree using pincer grips to put the baubles on the branches
Using tweezers to collect pom poms and position them on the trees
Using gingerbread playdough to make gingerbread men
Throwing water balloons with paint inside to create fireworks

Mathematics

Dinosaurs of various sizes
Numbers to 10 – Recognising and identifying
Beginning to use positional language to describe where dinosaurs are hidden
Number matching
Santa's workshop – counting the boxes, size and shape of various 'presents'
Shape pictures: Snowman, Christmas tree, Santa, presents, poppies
Writing numbers in sequins
Using shapes in the playdough to make shape imprints

Outdoor Provision

Dig out the frozen dinosaurs using small toffee hammers and safety goggles
Use crates, planks, wheels etc to build a polar express
Make Christmas pudding recipes in the mud kitchen
Flower petals in the water tray
Conflict resolution
Shape hunt using iPad to take pictures of what they have found