

Kilmorie EYFS Topic Planner: Boxes
Class: Rec Nov/Dec 2019 Focus: UW/maths/EAD

Communication and Language
 (Link UW, Literacy) Sharing seasonal stories/ other stories (Hanukkah, Nativity)
 Onomatopoeia for fireworks
 Talking about experiences and feelings
 Show & Tell: Child of the week photos/Wow! cards, creations,
 Role play language- pet shop
 Listening to the vicar at the church
 Songs (Rec. performance) and rhymes eg) MY cat likes to hide in boxes

Understanding the world
 Pets love and care
 Planting bulbs
 Respect for other cultures and beliefs.
 Christmas (around the world), Hanukkah, sharing celebration stories, (Links Lit, Maths, PSED, EAD)
 Remembrance Sunday - poppies
 Cooking, decorations and festival food to celebrate, making fireworks pictures etc. using simple graphics programme (Link EAD)
 Autumn to winter: Looking at changes in weather, environment, stop frame videos, shortening of daylight hours
 Light boxes
 Cooking: festival food/ 5 a Day in French, greetings and Happy Christmas in different languages
 Child of the week interests

ICT
 Communication devices in home corner, using simple graphics computer programmes, cameras, IWB, online stories, using a series of pictures to tell a story/explain something e.g. class toy

Recordkeeping/observation/Assessment opportunities
 Phonics assessments, observing Characteristics of Learning. 'Post it' comments at parents' evenings

Learning Stimulus
 Festivals of light/ Bonfire Night/ My cat likes to hide in boxes/ The Elves and the Shoemaker.
 Child of the Week responses as they arise- across the whole curriculum

Physical Development opportunities
 Putting on coats, hats, scarves and gloves independently
 Developing fine motor skills with writing, wrapping up presents, making decorations, using malleable materials, chopping vegetables (use of peeler), making and deconstructing boxes
 Keeping warm and safe in the dark and cold/Fire safety
 Safety in transporting tools, etc-tool box
 Develop cooperative play through parachute games and mindfulness activities, group exercise work outs, e.g. 5 a day in French (Link UW)

Literacy
 Writing to Santa, Christmas lists, writing thank you/ Christmas cards, weekly news writing, recipes for hot chocolate, birthday/pyjama night invitations, shopping lists, labelling presents,
 Non-fiction and fiction books about Celebrations/Winter
 Books: My Cat likes to hide in Boxes, Jesus's Christmas Party, My First Christmas ,One Snowy Night, Santa Needs a Wee , Nativity stories, ,
 Phonics – Phase 2/3 inc assessment

Characteristics of Effective Learning
 Playing, Exploring, Engagement
 Active Learning and Motivation
 Creating and Critical Thinking

Other outdoor learning opportunities
 Winter walks (small groups/whole class), weather activities e.g. water/ice. Role-play – celebration stories, independent learning. Planting, woodwork

Personal, Social & Emotional Dev't
 What have we got in the box today?
 Mrs Browning has a box
 Right and Wrong – Cheeky Elves
 Working together, team work to make things for the classroom and home (Link EAD), sharing resources, Physical Friday (Link PD)
 Respecting and understanding difference in beliefs customs and routines of our families and others Links UW, Lit. Maths, C&L)
 Talk about how we celebrate at home, how we prepare for: Christmas, bonfire night, Hanukkah, (CBeebies Let's Celebrate clips)
 Introduce mindfulness activities (Link PD)
 Child of the week- what have we found out about this person?

Mathematics
 Making and deconstructing boxes
 Advent calendars, ordering numbers
 Ordering sizes of presents in boxes, right size of paper, how heavy is my present?
 Counting days and birthday candles
 Count down to Christmas
 Following recipes and sequencing – cooking and using salt dough and gingerbread
 Cooking salt dough/Xmas cookies
 Problem solving: Sharing
 Using pictures to represent numbers
 Addition/Subtraction to 10 (and beyond if appropriate)
 One more/fewer
 Finding totals by combining groups
 Money – exchanging money for goods

Expressive arts and design
 Make firework pictures, collages using different materials, different paint techniques for effects, marble painting, blow painting.
 Make advent calendar as a class (Link PSED)
 Christmas decorations and Christmas cards, paper chains / Clay lamps or coil pots with wire snakes, menorah making
 Jewellery as Xmas present (in box)
 Pet carriers
 Role play areas – Santa's grotto, elves workshop/box factory, sleigh, snow scene, living room, toy shop, cave,
 Christmas show
 Nativity small world – acting out the story using puppets
 Class decoration for hall (Hoops)

Home learning ideas
 Bug Club meeting and set up, Reading Record contributions, photos from home, Wow! Cards, Home-made 'Show and Tell' creations, practise phonics phonemes sent home, practise putting on/ taking off winter coats/gloves,/ scarves
 Matchbox collection/ shoe box about themselves/ maths games

Special Events / visitors / working with parents and carers
 Visiting Drama Production –Jack and the Beanstalk/Teacher's Panto/ open morning for parents