

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Invite the children to bring in their own bear from home and tell the group a little about it
- Develop turn taking skills through playing games and working together to complete puzzles
- Discuss own bedtime routines
- Participate in ring games and circle time
- To develop confidence in a new class and to form relationships with new teachers and unfamiliar children.



Physical Development

- Dough disco and name writing interventions
- Split pin bear models
- Create a packed lunch like little bears. Discuss if the options are healthy or unhealthy.
- Hide bears in the outdoor environment, on top and under climbing equipment for the children to find- gross motor skills
- Mark making on cardboard boxes



Communication and Language

- Describe the characters from the stories
- To make sound effects to match the story 'Peace at Last'
- To talk about a Christmas gift and explain why it was their favourite
- Go on a sound walk and record what you hear

Reading and Writing

- Practise name writing
- To introduce a letter each week in phonics
- To be able to order the story 'Whatever Next!'
- Explore a range of bear stories in the reading area.
- Join in with repeated refrains in focus stories
- Retell the story 'Peace at Last' using the pictures/ story map for support.

Bears

Focus stories: 'Whatever Next!' and 'Peace at Last'

Understanding of the World

- Discuss Christmas celebrations
- Explore the beebots
- Discuss families in the stories and compare these to our own families and routines
- Dolls house with puppets from the 'Peace at Last' story
- Freezing bears and working out how to make the ice melt quickly.
- Make bear biscuits, noticing changes
- Compare night time and day time animals
- Using the internet to find out about bears/ space

Mathematics

- Create rockets using shapes
- Sort different sized bears
- Use bear preposition cards
- Practising counting bears using 1:1 correspondence
- Use compare bears to create simple patterns
- Ask friends which their favourite coloured compare bear is, and record the results.
- Using compare bears to explore weight.
- Number rhymes- 10 in a bed
- Ordering a bear puzzle 1-10

Expressive Arts and Design

- Drawing and painting bears
- Use construction blocks to build rockets/houses
- Collaging bears
- Singing bear songs such as 'teddy bear, teddy bear turn around'
- Use props from the 'Whatever Next' story and add them to the house.
- Picnic on the moon role play
- Join in ring games such as 'isn't it funny that a bear likes honey'
- Deconstructed role play