## Personal Social and Emotional Development

Nativity performance

Use instruments to make Christmas music

Role play Santa's Workshop/Post Office

Make Santa's Sleigh with a friend using large and small construction

Hide Christmas objects and find in a team

Sharing ideas and opinions and considering the opinions and ideas of others

## Characteristics of Effective Learning

Playing and Exploring – engagement – finding out and exploring; playing with what they know; being willing to have a go

Active Learning - motivation being involved and concentrating; keeping on trying; enjoying achieving what they set out to do

Creating and thinking critically thinking - having their own ideas; making links; choosing ways to do things

#### Communication and Language

Nativity practise and performance

Role play Santa's Workshop/Post Office

Blank Level Nativity questions

Share and talk about our experiences of Christmas. What do we do? Why is it special? How do we celebrate? What traditions do we have? Answering 'how' and 'why' questions

Sharing and responding to Christmas themed stories and songs

Explaining our ideas to other people and listening to others

#### Physical Development

Ball skills, aiming at a target

Letter and number formation

Make play dough/ salt dough decorations

Santa's Delivery Route Obstacle Course - moving over, under, around, through objects

Cutting and sticking paperchains

Experiment with different ways of moving to music, create dances independently and in pairs

#### Literacy

Books: 1<sup>st</sup> Story of Christmas -Nativity, Dear Santa, The Jolly Christmas Postman, Santa comes to Shrewsbury

Sequence and retell the Christmas nativity story

Label characters and write the story of the Nativity

Write a message for a Christmas card

Write a label for reindeer food

Write a letter to Father Christmas

Write labels for the Christmas shop/post office presents and parcels

# Christmas Sparkle and Shine Autumn Term Reception Seahorses and Starfish



Make a Christmas card

Make reindeer food

Make Christmas decorations and party hats

Make a class Advent Calendar

Printing repeating patterns on wrapping paper

Christmas baking - making and decorating biscuits

Learn and sing Nativity songs

Dances for Nativity

Listen and respond to music, explore and create using our voices, share and perform

### Understanding the World

Visit to the Church to explore Christmas routines and customs including Advent

Seasonal changes Tuesday in the Trees and Forest Friday

Make a twig Christmas tree

Share and talk about family customs and routines

#### **Mathematics**

Ordering objects by height/size, weighing and ordering presents and parcels

Cardinality and composition of number

Representing numbers by making collections

Number formation

Subitising 1, 2, 3

Counting

Parts and wholes

Comparing two sets of objects

Exploring flat shapes

Recognise, describe and create repeating patterns on wrapping paper