Half term plan. Reception Darell Primary Date: Nov / Dec 2011

This half term our topic will be "People who help us and Winter festivals"

## Language and Literacy

We will be practising pre-writing skills involving tracing patterns and joining dots. Those children who have learnt all their sounds and are beginning to sound out simple words will be encouraged to write independently. Group and individual reading will take place throughout the week. All children **must** bring their reading diary and folder to school each day. Having a reading folder is also important as it is a good size for keeping all those bits and pieces together. We will be learning lots of poems and songs about our topics and reading stories that enrich and support our work.

## Mathematics

This half term the children will continue to focus on counting skills with stories, rhymes and practical activities. They will also be extending their learning to other topics throughout the term. These will include;

- Practical experiences of addition and subtraction
- 2D shapes / 3D shapes
- Money, sorting and naming coins.
- Pattern
- Measures, ordering by weight and experiments with capacity.

Maths week – with a huge range of exciting activities based around shapes and numbers. I will write special events on the board each day.

## Creative Development

Activities will include;
Collages
Pictures/paintings
Batik
Modelling
Christmas Crafts

We also have a creative table where the children can go to make something on their own and explore their own creative ideas. We welcome your donations of any suitable bits and pieces for this area.

## What you can do to help your child

Well done everyone for helping to make this past term such a great beginning to the school year. We find it hard to believe that Christmas will soon be upon us.

Things to note for this half term:

Please sign the collection book near the door if there is any change to your normal collection arrangement.

**Most important!! Read with your child *every day* and practise key words too**. Take the next word set when you are ready.

Many thanks to our current helpers. Helpers are ***always*** welcome in the classroom please let us know if you would like to come in.

We will be going outside everyday – regardless of the weather. Please make sure your child has the correct clothing for doing so. Waterproof coats and boots are good for splashing in puddles.

## Knowledge and Understanding of the World

This half term we will be learning about themes that colour can bring and also observing seasonal change and autumn festivals, our focus will include;
Signs and colours of autumn/winter
Colours in the environment and exploring the children's own learning ideas for this.
Christmas

To support our few weeks learning about people who help us, we hope to visit the fire station during this term. We will also have a visit from a nurse and learn about the journey of a letter.

## Physical Development

We will be playing games and using small apparatus on Friday session. Please ensure your child can manage their clothing (especially shoes and socks/tights) independently on this day.

Wednesday mornings will continue to be a movement and drama session. We will focus also on dances using music from other cultures.

The children will be regularly doing lots of activities to include tracing, modelling and threading to develop their fine motor skills

## Personal and Social Development

We will have regular circle times to play games have stories and to talk together. Our themes will include;
Good, bad and funny stories about playtimes
Helpfulness
Sharing

We will also be focussing on team work and trying to work together. Showing time will continue to be on Friday mornings, this is a very popular time and it is a time for children to share news or sing a song so if the worst happens and that special object gets left on the kitechen table fear not! Just talk to your child about something special that has happened / is happening that they would like to share.