

Sparkle and Shine

Nursery (Autumn)



Malleable/Fine Motor area

Seasonal dough

Provide a selection of seasonal-scented play dough, including cinnamon, ginger, chocolate and nutmeg. Add a selection of tools and cookie cutters for the children to use as they explore the dough.

Thread it

Provide a basket full of sparkly and shiny ribbons and shoe laces. Add beads or baubles for threading.

Loose parts play

Provide shiny loose parts including nuts, bolts, gems and shiny pebbles for the children to explore. Add mirrors and black paper for them to create patterns and pictures.



Outdoor area

Delivering cards

Set up post boxes made from shoe boxes or large cardboard boxes. Provide bikes and ride on vehicles for the children to deliver and collect cards from the different post boxes.



Construction and small world area

Build it

Wrap wooden blocks in shiny paper or foil and add shiny resources to the construction area for building fun.



Role play/Communication area

Let's celebrate

Decorate a home corner or role play area with battery-operated fairy lights and tealights. Provide party and celebration-themed resources and add baskets of books on the theme of celebrations for the children to share.

Dress up

Offer sparkly fabric, bulldog clips, ribbons and belts for the children to make costumes. Add a range of costume jewellery, such as beads, rings and bracelets.



Creative area

Snip it

Provide a variety of coloured, glittery and shiny paper for the children to cut and snip with scissors and hole punches. Support children with cutting and snipping skills.

Diwali divas

Provide modelling clay and clay tools for the children to explore independently. Display images of Diwali divas to inspire their creations.



Investigation area

Sensory den

Create a sensory den in a black out tent with colourful battery-operated fairy lights and shiny materials. Add torches and mirrors and hang shiny resources for the children to explore.

Celebrations

Display images that show a range of autumn and winter celebrations such as Diwali, Hanukkah, Christmas and Bonfire Night for the children to discuss.



Mathematics area

Sorting baubles

Display a basket full of different coloured and patterned baubles for the children to explore. Provide baskets, hoops and numeral cards for sorting fun.

How heavy?

Offer a basket of coloured glass beads and pan scales. Provide a variety of objects for the children to weigh.

Sorting stars

Provide a jar of coloured stars for sorting and counting.



Reading/Writing area

Cosy reading den

Create a reading den or cosy space for the children to share stories and books together. Add a variety of battery-operated fairy lights and tealights. Resource the area with a box of fiction and non-fiction books linked to Christmas, Diwali, Hanukkah and other celebrations.

Postal play

Set up a card making station with a variety of shiny decorating resources and pens. Provide envelopes and a post box for children to post their cards.



Sand and water area

Scoop it

Put large sequins and glitter into dry sand or water. Add nets, scoops and sieves.

