

How can we help Cinderella  
have a ball?  
**WOW: Christmas Ball.**

**Personal, Social and Emotional  
Development**

Now that the children are fully settled we will focus our circle times on helping the children understand why they may fall out with their friends (which does happen sometimes) and how they can go about sorting these problems out.

**Physical Development**

Dough disco will continue as we help the children to develop the muscles needed to form a good pencil grip. For those who already hold their pencils correctly we will practise using our hands/fingers for more difficult tasks using tweezers, small beads etc. We will continue to play with the large equipment outdoors.

**Communication and Language**

As the children begin to understand and follow our rules and routines we will shift our attention to helping them understand the importance of listening and responding to the ideas expressed by others in conversation or discussion.

**Literacy**

Initially, the children will be making lists and thinking of adjectives to describe characters in books. We will read the story of Cinderella. We will consider the characters in the story, where the story is set, what happened and how the story ended.

**Mathematics**

The children will continue to practise their counting but will also be introduced to the idea of estimation, making good guesses about how many objects they can see. They will be introduced to recording by tallying. They will think about the length and pattern.

**Understanding the World**

We have the celebrations of Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas to look forward to. We will consider the different religions of people who celebrate these festivities. We will consider the materials objects are made from and why. We will think about the benefits of technology and where we find it.

**Expressive Arts & Design**

A lot of the children's art work will be based on the many celebrations that fall in this part of the year. We will create patterns, decorations and pictures with a variety of different media, understanding how to combine them and generate a collage.