

## Yellow Group Planning

Dear Parents/Guardians

The plan for Yellow group next term had been to work on Expeditions. Yellow group were going to spend the term visiting countries around the world and learning through a range of sensory experiences in each country. Below I have listed the countries we were going to visit and a selection of activities that we would have followed. I accept that some of this will be hard to follow and would encourage you to look at Pinterest for further ideas. Likewise the following website [http://www.nicurriculum.org.uk/curriculum\\_microsite/SEN\\_PMLD\\_thematic\\_units/](http://www.nicurriculum.org.uk/curriculum_microsite/SEN_PMLD_thematic_units/) contains many prewritten modules with plans and resources that give a wealth of ideas to follow.

Please find below the countries that we were going to explore.

**England:** We were going to start by looking at the Forest of Dean. As we studied the forest we were going to look at the natural world around us. Try exploring leaves, grass and plants. Pupils were going to read stories related to the forest such as the Gruffalo. Try painting leaves and printing with them on paper or exploring trays filled with dry leaves and pinecones.

**Arctic/Antarctica:** This section of the topic was going to be focussed on the science of recognising cold objects. Try making ice balloons. These can be made by filling balloons with water and food colouring. Squeeze out as much air as possible and pop them in the freezer overnight. As you take them out you can peel off the balloon and be left with a coloured ice shape that can be explored. In cookery we would have used switch operated blenders to make smoothies that could then be frozen. Pupils won't have the switches at home but could still explore the fruit and ingredients through touch, smell and where appropriate taste.

**India:** When studying India we were going to focus on cookery, music and art. In cookery we were going to smell, taste (where appropriate) and touch indian foods and spices. Try making microwave playdoh and adding turmeric or other spices to the mix. This will give you lovely fragranced play doh that makes an excellent resource to explore. In art we were aiming to make rangoli patterns. These can be made by colouring rice but currently I would encourage you to use paint or coloured paper. Patterns can be found on Twinkl or Google. For music we were going to explore Indian fabrics and listen to bangra music. This can be widely found on Youtube.

**Desert:** Our final stop was going to be the world's deserts. We were going to explore hot and warm objects in this stop and also look at finding items that have been hidden in sand. Try making sand castles or hiding toys in buckets of sand for your child to then dig down into and discover.

I hope that you find these ideas helpful and are able to explore some of them at this challenging time. I will be available on class dojo so please contact me if you have any questions.

Many Thanks

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