

**Class:** Showman Class

**Term:** Autumn 2

**Teacher:** Catherine Starkey

### Key Questions

Why do Hindus celebrate Diwali?  
Why do we celebrate Firework night? What does your family do on bonfire night?  
What do we do to prepare for winter? How do animals do to prepare for winter?  
How does your family celebrate Christmas? What is the Christmas story about?



### Overview

We will be investigating the sights and sounds of firework night and look at the safety of using sparklers.  
We will be sharing a range of Autumn/Winter stories and looking out for changes in our local environment.  
We will be carrying out our own freezing and melting experiments using different liquids and materials.  
We will be finding out about how animals prepare for winter and learning about animals from colder climates.  
We will be finding out about the First Christmas, why and how we celebrate this event.

### Title

# Paws, Claws and Santa Clause

### Values

Thoughtfulness  
Friendship  
Responsibility  
Peace



### Hook

Bear Hunt in the woods  
Christmas Production

### Outcomes

Children can create using a range of media their experiences of Firework night and Diwali.  
Children will be able to identify and talk about similarities and differences in their local environment and other environments.  
Children will be able to identify some woodland animals.  
Children will be able to talk about the Christmas story and participate in a Nativity.

**As a parent you can:** Look for signs of winter and talk about seasonal changes. Help your child identify birds and woodland animals. Talk about your family routines and celebrations for Firework Night and Christmas.