

December

Nursery Newsletter

Overview

Welcome to December's Nursery Newsletter. This month we will be discussing the signs of Winter, Cold Climates and Christmas. We can't wait to turn our role play area into Santa's workshop soon and help wrap up lots of presents.

The last day of term before the Christmas holiday will be on Thursday 21st of December and Nursery will close at 11.50.



Aims

This month we will be encouraging the children to be able to do the following:

- Talk about the changes in the seasons
- Be aware of the importance of wearing warm clothing in the colder weather
- Check their trays at the end of the day with less adult support
- Engage in matching games and talk about why items match
- Move to the speed of music



Reminders

Nursery Nativity

N1 Seedlings show will take place on Tuesday 12th December at 9.30. N2 Saplings show will take place on Tuesday 12th at 10.30.

Christmas Jumper Day

Your child can wear a Christmas jumper, or a favourite jumper to Nursery on Friday 15th of December for Christmas Jumper Day.

Nuts

Our Nursery is a nut free zone. We have a number of children with allergies. Please do not send any food in to Nursery.



Visitors

We are continuing with our Jo Jingles sessions and we will also be visited by Ellie the Elf. Luke will continue with our Sportstopia sessions every Friday in the big hall.

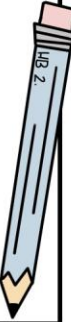


Areas of Learning

The Arts

We will be encouraging the children to:

- Create a Winter picture
- Print with unusual and recycled items
- Perform on stage for their Nativity



Early Mathematical Experiences

We will be encouraging the children to:

- Count things that are not objects e.g. hops, jumps, claps
- Sort clothes for the dolls
- Recall some of the things they have done that day
- Begin to use familiar objects and common shapes to create patterns



Language Development

We will be encouraging the children to:

- Share stories with adults and peers
- Learn new vocabulary and use in appropriate contexts
- Engage in conversations with others
- Begin to create simple stories through role play and small world imaginative play



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be encouraging the children to

- Begin to solve conflict with adult support
- Become more aware that some actions can harm or hurt others



Areas of Learning

Physical Development and Movement

We will be encouraging the children to:

- Complete a Christmas Dance Freeze challenge
- Build Santa's sleigh using loose parts



The World Around Us

We will be encouraging the children to:

- Begin to talk about their observations and make simple predictions
- Go on a Winter walk and talk about what they can see
- Explore the properties of ice



Outdoor Learning Activities (including Forest School)

We will be encouraging the children to:

- Build a home for Santa's elf
- Collect natural resources to add to our new water station
- Create a jingle stick



Learning Through Digital Play

We will be encouraging the children to:

- Create a Winter/ Christmas picture on the IWB

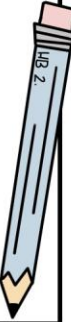


Songs and Rhymes

Dance like Snowflakes



Tune: Frere Jacques
Dance like snowflakes,
Dance like snowflakes
In the air, in the air.
Whirling, twirling, snowflakes,
Whirling, twirling, snowflakes,
Here and there, here and there.



Down the Chimney

Tune: She'll be Coming Round the Mountain

He'll be coming down the chimney when he comes,
He'll be coming down the chimney when he comes,
He'll be coming down the chimney,
He'll be coming down the chimney,
He'll be coming down the chimney when he comes.

He'll be bringing lots of presents when he comes,
He'll be bringing lots of presents when he comes,
He'll be bringing lots of presents,
He'll be bringing lots of presents,
He'll be bringing lots of presents when he comes.

He'll be driving his nine reindeer when he comes,
He'll be driving his nine reindeer when he comes,
He'll be driving his nine reindeer,
He'll be driving his nine reindeer,
He'll be driving his nine reindeer when he comes.



Winter Time

Tune: Jingle Bells
Icy toes, chilly nose,
Winter time is here.
My teeth chatter,
What's the matter?
Wintertime is here, Oh! (Repeat)



Reindeer Hokey Pokey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E48dJsivx7s>

