



Nursery Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 11th December 2023

Thank you to all those who supported the School/Parish Christmas Fair, your contributions are very much appreciated.

The children are all looking forward to the Nativity play, we hope you can all come see the children perform.

In Literacy this week, we will continue with our text 'Dear Santa' We will use role play to help us learn the story. We will explore and learn some of the new vocabulary in the text, in particular adjectives used. We will think of presents the children would like from Santa and adjectives that would match. We will also draw story maps as a way of retelling the story.

In Maths this week, we will be exploring subitising to three, this is where you can recognise one, two or three objects without needing to count. We will also begin exploring patterns

In RE, we will continue our unit on Advent - getting ready. We will continue to explore that Advent is all about getting ready for Christmas, for the birth of Jesus. We will decorate the word Advent as a way to help us recall this special word.

With your child, think about why Advent is important?

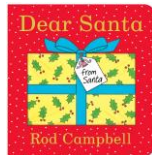
In Understanding the World we will learn to play and explore Christmas through our Christmas themed tuff trays.

Focus words this week: *bouncy, scary, Advent, messy, noisy*

Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

Dear Santa



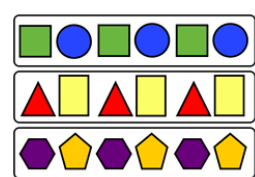
Story Time

Reading books will be changed on Monday.

Please send your child's book bag into school each day with their planner and reading book. Please ensure the planner is signed to show that you have read with your child.

Thank you.

Maths Focus: Patterns and Subitising to three



Can you make a pattern out of blocks?
Can you find any patterns at home?

Rhyme of the Week:

Little Jack Horner

Little Jack Horner
Sat in the corner,
Eating a Christmas pie;
He put in his thumb,
And pulled out a plum,
And said 'What a good boy am I.



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Home Readers

As you will have noticed, each of your children brought home a 'home reader' book. These are for you to read with your child and develop an enjoyment and excitement for reading.

You can change these books whenever you are ready too.

Morning parents: when you drop your child off, there is a bookcase in the cloakroom, this is where the home readers are kept, please, return and collect a new one when you need too.

Afternoon parents: At the end of the day, when you collect your child off, there is a bookcase in the cloakroom, this is where the home readers are kept, please, return and collect a new one when you need too.

This week the children will:

- Continue to practise our counting daily, numbers up to 12, when we count the children in class.
- Explore the Nativity story through our role play corner
- We will read the story 'Dear Santa'
- We will learn to retell the story through actions and role play
- We will explore the adjectives in the book.
- We will story map the story.
- Practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- We will explore different patterns and find the matching patterns.
- We will subitise to the number of 3, using different objects.
- We will use our constructions kits to make a present box, like the ones we saw in Dear Santa.
- Practising using our manners, saying 'Yes please', and 'No thank you' during snack time.
- We will learn to use 1p to pay for our snack at snack time.
- Practising taking turns and sharing during our guided play.
- We will be learning about Advent, that it is a time to get ready for Christmas and the birth of Jesus.

Nursery Staffing Arrangements

The Nursery class is being taught by a Nursery Team of staff: Miss Martin (Teacher, who is covering Mrs Bamforth while on maternity leave), Mrs Evans (Teacher) and Miss Kempson (Teaching Assistant). Mrs Bamforth will be returning on Monday 18th December.

If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Hannett.

Important dates

Tuesday 12th December - EYFS Nativity at 9.30am

Wednesday 13th December - EYFS Nativity at 2.30pm

Thursday 14th December - Nursery & Reception Christmas Wishes visit to Cannock Chase Museum.

Saturday 16th December - Mass at St Joseph's, Darlaston. Fr Craig will bless the Bambinelli's the children have made in school. All welcome.

Monday 18th December - Mrs Bamforth returns from her maternity leave.

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day.

Friday 22nd December - Break up for Christmas.