



The children have been working really hard to learn lines, songs, actions and dances for our Nativity play and they are all really looking forward to performing their nativity play for you and are excited for you to come and see.

This week, we will be starting our new focus, on the theme of 'Christmas'. We will: continue to read and learn the book 'Dear Santa'. This week we will read and learn our new story with a focus on the gifts and adjectives, words such as bouncy ball, messy finger paint and noisy trumpet. We will learn the story through actions, role play and different writing activities such as Santa letters and present labels. To reinforce the learning of Christmas, we will use a winter train tuff try to explore some Christmas language. We are continuing to learn how to share, wait and take turns when working and playing together. We will be learning to recognise the number 10 and continue exploring different patterns. We will also learn what 1p looks like and use this to pay for our snack.

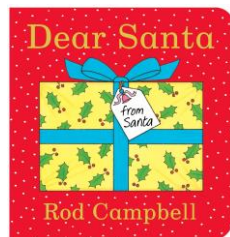
In RE, this week we will continue our new unit of work called 'Advent-Getting Ready. We will continue learn about the Advent wreath and how it is used to help count down the weeks to Christmas. We will also learn that during Advent we are getting ready and waiting for something special, Jesus' birth and have a focus on the word Advent.

Focus words this week: big, bouncy, scary, 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



Numbers of the Week: 1



Can you find this number in your house?

Can you show this amount using a resource?

Look at groups of objects. Is it 10 or not?

Roll dice, can you roll a 10? Encourage the children to try to spot 10 quickly without needing to count.

Rhymes of the Week:

Pat a Cake

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man.
Bake me a cake as fast as you can,
Pat it and prick it and mark it with B,
And bake it in the oven for baby and me.



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.

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, I will bring a selection of books up to the gate and if you need to change your book then, you will be able to. However, if it is easier, please put a note in the planner to say your child's book needs changing and we can do that for you.

This week the children will:

- Continue to practise our counting daily, numbers up to 16, when we count the children in class.
- Explore the story of the nativity in our 'stable' role play area
- We will read the story 'Dear Santa'
- We will learn to retell the story through actions.
- We will create story maps to retell the story.
- We will design presents.
- We will practice writing through letters to santa and present labels.
- We will make clay handprints, which will be used to make Santa faces.
- We will recognise number 10 and recognise patterns.
- Practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- 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 learn about and light the candles on our Advent wreaths.
- We will learn that we are waiting for Jesus' birth.
- We will have a focus on the word Advent
- We will also continue to learn our daily prayers.

Nursery Staffing Arrangements

The Nursery class is being taught by a Nursery Team of staff: Mrs Bamforth (Teacher), Mrs Evans (Teacher) and Mrs Mulvaney (Teacher) and Mrs Chambers (Teaching Assistant).

If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Hannett or Mrs Hinton.



Wednesday 7th December - Nursery and Reception Nativity performance at 2.15pm

Friday 9th December - Nursery and Reception Nativity Performance at 9.30am

Friday 9th December - Christmas Fair, please come and join us for various stalls, raising money for school and the parish.

Sunday 11th December - Mass at St Joseph's, Darlaston at 8.30am - please come along and support the children helping with Mass.

Monday 12th December - Nursery and Reception Christmas Wishes Trip - details to follow.

Week beginning 12th December - and Christmas Lunch - date to be confirmed

Thursday 15th December - Christmas Jumper Day.

Friday 16th December - Christmas Party Day and Break up for the Christmas holidays. Have a blessed Christmas!

Tuesday 3rd January - Spring Term begins.