



December Newsletter

Pre-School Room

In the pre school room we have been very busy learning about Bonfire Night talking about the sounds the fireworks make and developing our Literacy Skills.

We watched some fireworks on Bonfire Night and talked about the colours and patterns they made. We looked at the difference between night and dark and played outside in the dark with the torches.

We have also talked about Diwali and learnt about which cultures celebrate the festival of light. We made Diya lamps using clay and developed our mathematical skills creating Rangoli patterns.

Toddler Room

The toddlers have been exploring using their senses with spaghetti, pasta and leaves.

We have been playing with tweezers to enhance our fine motor skills which will help us to hold a pencil as well as threading.

We have had lots of messy play experiences including hand and leaf printing as well as leaf rubbing and making Autumn collages.

Baby Room

The babies have been taking part in lots of creative activities such as finger painting, stamping, using felt tips and crayons.

We have also been exploring Autumn leaves, feeling textures and listening to the sounds.

We have developed our Physical Skills by dancing to a variety of music and moving our bodies in a variety of ways.

Important Dates

- 2nd Dec - Nativity for our Pre-schoolers
- 11th Dec - Children's Christmas Party including Christmas Jumper Day.
- 14th Dec - Christmas Dinner
- 18th Dec - Last day for term time only children

Book & Rhyme of the month

Preschool: Stick Man by Julia Donaldson

Main Area Rhyme: "When Santa got Stuck up the Chimney"

Toddlers: Aliens Love Panta Claus by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort

Babies and Toddlers rhyme "I'm a Little Snowman"

Christmas Opening Times

The nursery will close for Christmas on Thursday 24th December at 4.00pm and will remain closed throughout Christmas week, reopening as normal on 4th January 2021.

Christmas Card Post Box

This year we will have a Christmas Post Box in the Christmas Post Office! If your child would like to send cards to their friends at nursery we will encourage them to post them in the post box to be collected and delivered by our post person.

Christmas Party.

Due to the Covid 19 this year we have had to change the plans for our Christmas Party. Following Government Guidance this unfortunately means that parents will not be able to attend as in previous years.

We are going to hold the party at nursery on Friday 11th December between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. We will be having lots of party games and a party tea. We will ensure that we take plenty of photos and share the fun with you. All children are invited to attend the party and we hope to see them all at the party.

Please look out for the letter being sent home and return the reply slip as soon as possible so that we have an idea of numbers for staffing and catering.

Birthdays

Bonnie 4 Dec
Evalynne 8 Dec
Joshua 20 Dec
Teejay 23 Dec

Children in Need

Thank you to everybody that bought buns and made donations for Children in Need Fundraising. We raised a fantastic £142.



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Things to do at home this month

Pre-School

The children in the pre school room are reading the book *Stick Man* by Julia Donaldson. You could talk about the different seasons and what changes they can see such as the leaves on the tree. You could discuss how the stick man's family are feeling when he's not there or how the stick man is feeling without his family. You could talk about the different places he visits and talk about any visits you have had such as to the seaside.

You can also practice singing *When "Santa got stuck up the Chimney."*

Toddler room

The children are reading *Aliens love Panta Claus* by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort. You could talk about their favourite alien. Ask them about the colours. Talk about who is coming soon as you celebrate Christmas and what he will be bringing. Talk about the characters and what they are doing.

Baby Room

The children in the babies are singing *"I'm a little snowman"* the words are below. You could encourage the children to show you the actions or talk about how snow feels is it cold or hot? It is wet?

When Santa Got Stuck Up The Chimney.

When santa got stuck the chimney he began to shout
"You girls and boys won't get any toys
If you don't pull me out
My beard is black
There's soot in my sack
My nose is tickling too!"
When santa got stuck up the chimney
A-choo, a-choo, a-choo!

Next Month

During January the older children will be reading the story *"First Snow"* by Kim Lewis and the *Piglets* will be reading *"The Tiger who came for Tea"* by Judith Kerr.
They will be singing *"I'm a Little Snowman"*
The babies will be singing *Five Little Ducks*.

I'm a Little Snowman

I'm a little snowman,
Round and Fat,
Here's my scarf and here's my hat.
When the snow is falling come and play
Build a snowman everyday!