



WEEKLY PARENT NEWSLETTER – Pre Nursery 25 November 2013

Important Information

- Don't miss the launch of our new online Learning Journals. **On Tuesday 26 November 8.45 – 9.45** parents are invited to join us for our Learning Journal sharing event.
- Our Christmas performance is **Wednesday 11 December** and our Christmas party will be held on **Thursday 12 December**. We look forward to seeing you all there. If you and your child are going to be away for the show, could you please inform your class teacher ASAP. Thanks
- Uniform – please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. Pre Nursery children must wear the Early Years Cubs t-shirt. Thanks for your support with this.



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ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

Learning Theme of the week

Next week we will begin the wonderful theme of Christmas. The classrooms will be transformed into winter wonderlands, encouraging the children to explore many different activities in lots of sensory ways.

Understanding the World

- Enjoys playing with small-world models such as a farm, a garage, or a train track.

Communication, Language and Literacy

- Learns new words very rapidly and is able to use them in communicating.
- Developing understanding of simple concepts (e.g. *big/little*).

Mathematics

- Beginning to categorise objects according to properties such as shape or size.
- Begins to use the language of size.

Expressive arts and design

- Experiments with blocks, colours and marks.

Next week we will read the story of 'Father Christmas' By Raymond Briggs to the children and watch short clips of the film. We want the children to get that Christmas feeling and what better way to do it by seeing Santa Claus.

As it is our learning journal event, the teachers will be spending some time looking at the children's learning journals, introducing them to the new concept of 'e-journals' and encouraging them to talk about their past learning.

The Christmas show is fast approaching and we will spend some time in the theatre, becoming accustomed to the new surroundings and 'have a go' at what will be an amazing show!

Our Mathematics focus for the week will be numbers to 5, counting in different ways and with different objects. We will encourage the children to count each object one at a time by playing a game where Santa is feeling very hungry and needs to eat some Christmas cakes. Each cake will have a number on and we will count these one by one as Santa eats them!

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Christmas wouldn't be the same without lots of lovely crafts to decorate the classroom. The children will make candy canes, Christmas trees, a collaborative Santa Claus and other wonderful crafts.

Vocabulary:

Cold, winter, Santa Claus, Father Christmas, Christmas, Christmas tree

Mandarin

We will talk about the topic of Christmas and read some Christmas stories.

Vocabulary:

Christmas-sheng dan jie 圣诞节, Merry Christmas-sheng dan kuai le 圣诞快乐, Santa Claus-sheng dan lao ren 圣诞老人, Christmas tree-sheng dan shu 圣诞树.

Dutch

De klas veranderde deze week in een keuken tijdens de lessen Nederlands. We leerden heel wat keukengerie benoemen en we bakten pannenkoeken. Mmm... zo lekker, en dan is de Sint nog niet eens langsgekomen!

We leerden de tegenstellingen: aan en uit, heel en kapot.

We lazen het boek "Rupsje Nooitgenoeg" van Eric Carle.

En de beren, die bleven maar broodjes smeren...

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Many thanks again.

The Pre Nursery Team.