



**WEEKLY PARENT Information NEWSLETTER – Nursery 09.12.2013**

**MESSAGES**

- We're all very excited about our **Christmas Show**, which will take place on **Wednesday 11 December** from **9:30-10:00** in the Primary Theatre. All parents are invited to attend.
- The **Nursery Christmas Party** will be held on **Thursday 12 December** from 9:15-10:15am. Please drop children off in class as normal. All parents are invited to attend from 9.15. Children are invited to wear **party clothes** on this day.
- Please return or renew all library books before the holidays. Children may borrow books from the library over the holiday period this year. Lost or damaged books will be charged as per the library loans policy.
- The children have been making wonderful box constructions for Santa to see. These have been on display throughout the Nursery, along with the children's toy designs. However, we still have more to make, so don't forget to keep collecting *lots of junk*, including yoghurt pots, egg boxes, bottles, lids, small boxes, buttons and tubes. Thank you.
- There will be no borrowing of library books this Thursday. You may leave your library books at home provided that they were changed last week. If your child's book is overdue, then please return it this week. However, no library books will be changed. Thanks for your understanding.
- We trust that you have all had access to the online Tapestry Learning Journals by now. If you are unable to access the site or you have any queries, please let us know. We urge you to write comments in the learning journals and to download your own posts to add to the journal.

**Learning Theme**



This week we will continue to rehearse for the Christmas Show and will be making more props and decorations for the event. The children will also be creating Christmas decorations for the classrooms.



They will also be wrapping presents, writing and posting letters to Santa, writing their Christmas wish lists and Christmas cards. There will also be a surprise visitor during the week ..... Ho! Ho! Ho! (I wonder who that could be?)

**Key Vocabulary:** Christmas, Santa, presents, baby Jesus, star, giving.



### **A time of giving**

Our focus this week will relate to how Christmas is a time of 'giving', as well as a time of receiving. We will be asking, 'How can we help others?', 'What can we do at home to help prepare for Christmas?' and 'What gifts can we MAKE for our friends and family?' etc.

**Key Vocabulary:** giving, helping, receiving, and caring.

### **Mathematics**

We will be reviewing our counting skills this week, counting up to 10, recognising that a number represents a quantity and for those that are ready, adding one more or taking one away.

**Key Vocabulary:** How many? count to .... , One more, one less,

**Understanding the world:** The children will be discussing where they will be going for Christmas. Are they travelling to another country for the holidays? Will it be hot or cold? How do different people celebrate Christmas?

**Expressive Arts & Creativity:** We will be performing at the Christmas Show, singing Christmas songs and following directions for our performance. More decorations will be made and pictures drawn that demonstrate an understanding of what Christmas is about.

### **Phonics**

We will be continuing our phonics program, practising a range of skills, including listening to different sounds, remembering and identifying sounds, including initial sounds of words, and sound discrimination.

### **Mandarin**

We will be talking about Christmas, we will review some words including Santa, Christmas tree, stocking, snowman, bell and we will tell some stories about Christmas. We will also make some paper crafts and review songs which are called "ling er xiang ding dang and xiao xing xing".

#### **Vocabulary:**

Santa 圣诞老人 sheng dan lao ren

Christmas tree 圣诞树 sheng dan shu

Stocking 圣诞袜 sheng dan wa

Bell 铃铛 ling dang

Snowman 雪人 xue ren

### **Dutch**

Deze week waren we nog steeds in de ban van Sinterklaas. Op aanraden van de Sint

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hebben we dan ook onze schoen geknutseld. We waren vrijdag super benieuwd of er iets in ons schoentje lag. En ja hoor... Sinterklaas was Ryan niet vergeten. Hij heeft nog wat snoepgoed achtergelaten vooraleer hij terug naar Spanje vertrok.

We lazen het boek "Sinterklaasje" van Liesbeth Slegers.

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

Many thanks for your continued support,

**The Nursery Team**