



WEEKLY PARENT NEWSLETTER – Pre Nursery 2 December 2013

Important Information

- Important dates - Our Christmas performance is **Wednesday 11 December at 9.30am** and our Christmas party will be held on **Thursday 12 December**. Parents are invited to the party but we ask that children are dropped off as normal and parents join us from 9.15 until 9.50/10.00 am when we stop for a snack.
- **Uniform reminder** – 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.
- **Christmas performance** – the Christmas performance is fast approaching and you should have received a note in the communication book asking for a black t-shirt and dark leggings/tights. Could we ask that these are brought in as soon as possible so we can make sure everyone has a costume. Thanks for your support with this.

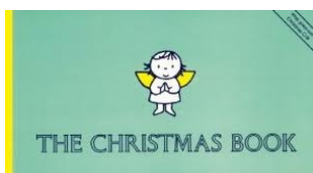
Learning Theme of the week

With our Christmas performance fast approaching we will be practising in the theatre throughout the week. Over the last two weeks we have been singing songs throughout the day and I'm sure you have all heard them at home now too. If you would like to practise at home with your child I have put the links below to the youtube versions.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AHLVM4MJgmo>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p07T4dlw2cc>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WOeiRVuDJDK&list=PL2WDoixBP6iUkBxpKD2zVKnD9JVMa8pNA>



We will read the story "The Christmas Book" by Dick Bruna.

The creator of the Miffy books, Dick Bruna tells the story of Christmas using his classic design elements and simple text. We will talk about the shepherds and the kings who came to see the baby.

What is a shepherd's job? What is a king's job?

Vocabulary: sheep, donkey, stable, camel, shepherd, king, baby, angel, star

Mathematics

We will talk about shapes and play a shape matching game on the interactive smart board, exploring the properties of 2D shapes.

Vocabulary: star, square, triangle, circle, rectangle

As you become more familiar with tapestry, you will find at the bottom of each observation is the development matters statements. We use these on a daily basis and many activities cover several areas of learning. Below are some of the statements we will be focusing on through child initiated learning and our teacher inputs.





Understanding the World - Technology

- Seeks to acquire basic skills in turning on and operating some ICT equipment.

Communication, Language and Literacy

- Learns new words very rapidly and is able to use them in communicating.

Mathematics - Shape, space and Measures

- Shows awareness of similarities of shapes in the environment.

Expressive arts and design - Exploring and Using media and materials

- Sings a few familiar songs.

Mandarin

We will continue the topic of Christmas.

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, Christmas stocking-sheng dan wa 圣诞袜, reindeer-mi lu 麋鹿, sleigh-xue qiao 雪橇.

Dutch

We keken deze week erg uit naar de komst van Sinterklaas en zijn Pieten! We leerden over de Sint, we lazen heel wat verhalen, we luisterden, zongen en dansten mee met de leukste sinterklaasliedjes.

We kregen ook een brief van Sinterklaas en de Bakpiet. In het Pietenhuis was het niet pluis. Bakpiet had niet opgelet en de letters veel te lang in de oven gezet. Daarom vroeg de Sint ons om wat te helpen. En prachtige speculaasletters hebben we dus gebakken in de klas...

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

Many thanks again.

The Pre Nursery Team.