



WEEKLY PARENT Information NEWSLETTER – Nursery 02.12.2013

MESSAGES

- Thank you to all those parents who have logged onto the new Tapestry Learning Journal. If you have any questions as you explore the e-journals please let us know.
- Our **Christmas Show** will take place on **Wednesday 11 December** from 9:30-10:00. All parents are invited to attend. If you and your child are going to be away for the show, could you please inform your class teacher ASAP.
- Please check Communication Books for a note of the colour of clothes we would like your child to wear for the performance.
- The **Nursery Christmas Party** will be held on **Thursday 12 December** from 9:15-10:15am. All parents are invited to attend.
- We will be doing *lots of junk modelling*: please send in any used yoghurt pots, egg boxes, bottles, lids, small boxes, buttons and tubes so the children can use them to make Christmas toys. Thank you.

Learning Theme



This week we will start the well anticipated theme of Christmas. The children will be busy making Christmas decorations, writing and posting letters to Santa, wrapping presents, making toys in Santa's workshop and acting out the nativity story in the role play area. We will also spend lots of time rehearsing for our Christmas Show. It surely will be a very busy week! Ho Ho Ho...



Key Vocabulary: Christmas, Santa, presents, baby Jesus, star

Creative Development

The children are having a big focus on creative development this week. They will be designing and making their own Christmas toys! They will be encouraged to think about what they will need to make their toy and the steps they will need to take to create it. And of course how to overcome any difficulties they may encounter!

Key Vocabulary: plan, toy, tape, cut, stick, wrap, join, make, build.

Communication Language and Literacy: We will be reading 'The Christmas Book' by Dick Bruna, which is a beautifully simple version of the Nativity with clear illustrations. The children will be invited to draw their own toys before they begin making. Once they have made them they will need a label and a name tag so we can display them.

Key vocabulary: Nativity, plan, label, name tag.



Mathematics

We are going to make a collaborative collage Christmas tree. The children will each create a section of the tree by decorating it with different shapes.

Key Vocabulary: circle, square, rectangle, triangle, heart, star

Understanding the world: The children will be exploring and discussing the story of Christmas and the Nativity. We will be talking about the different ways we celebrate and festivals.

Expressive Arts & Creativity: We will be singing our Christmas songs for our performance.

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 focus on Christmas, including recognising Santa, Christmas tree, stocking, snowman, bell and introducing why we celebrate Christmas and what we will do on Christmas Eve. We also will do some paper crafts and learn a song about Christmas which's called "ling er xiang ding dang".

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

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 comments, questions or concerns.

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Nursery Team