



WEEKLY PARENT Information NEWSLETTER – Nursery 8 December 2014

MESSAGES

- We are all very excited about our **Christmas Show**, which will take place on **Wednesday 10 December** from **9:30** in Stage One. All parents are invited to attend.
- The **Nursery Christmas Party** will be held on **Thursday 11 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.
- There will be no borrowing of library books this Friday. 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 we will be making more props and decorations for the event. In addition, the children will be creating special Christmas gifts to take home, continue writing and posting letters to Santa, and finish off their 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.

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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 & Design: We will be performing at the Christmas show, singing Christmas songs and following directions for our performance. We will continue to provide a variety of materials for the children to use when making Christmas decorations.

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

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Nursery Team