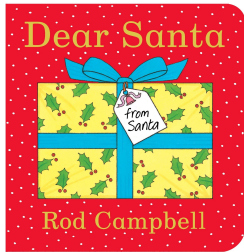




We are reading: 'Dear Santa and other Christmas stories'



If you don't own the book here is a link to a video

<https://youtu.be/sReoE9XkArc?si=rDqbl2A60pFAdfBM>

This week we are..

Literacy focus: We are introducing the story 'Dear Santa and encouraging the use of descriptive language (adjectives) during play. Children will be prompted to identify and share their favorite books, fostering independent reading and peer sharing.

Imaginative play & conversation: This week's activities revolve around Christmas experiences. Engaging in conversation and imaginative play around home Christmas experiences (shopping, tree decorating, decorations, ornaments, songs, wrapping gifts, writing letters/cards, making cookies)

Music and movements: We are learning christmas carols and exploring different sounds that instruments can make. we're incorporating movement pattern cards. We will be encouraged to follow visual prompts, like a sequence of clap, jump, clap, jump.

We have been singing:

Father christmas

Jingle bells,

Christmas tree,

We wish you a merry christmas and other nursery rhymes ..

If you are happy and you know it.. angry.. sad.. Tired



We are learning to move with greater confidence in the outdoor environment.

This week we will be following instructions to engage in ball games.

look -> listen -> kick/roll

Learning to understand game rules and taking turns with support.

Storytime

Storytimes are an important part of your child's learning at Nursery. The **morning storytime** starts promptly at **8.50 am. If you arrive late, you will need to wait in the hall with your child until 9.05 am.** This is so the learning of children at storytime is not disrupted.



Key Vocabulary;

Santa/ Father Christmas
present/ gift -kite, ball, mask, paint, trumpet, cat- kitten

Christmas
Christmas tree
Sleigh

Describing words - bouncy, scary, messy, noisy, perfect, special

Action words - wrote /write, send, open, wrapped, thought, want.

Parent tip - Learning new vocabulary is important in developing both communication skills and early literacy. Speak to your child each day, telling them about what you have done while they have been at nursery and encouraging them to share their day with you.

Math focus this term:

Making small collections of 2's and 3's by adding and subtracting to the small collection.

Understanding of the concepts more , less and the same. Developing these concepts by comparing and noticing two very small collections have the same quantity.

