

Nursery Life

November 2024



What we've been up to this month...

We have had some amazing space adventures exploring light and dark, aliens, planets, fireworks, Diwali and using our sensory lights in the dark den or torches for further exploration as the darker evenings draw in. We celebrated the King's birthday with crowns and party hats and marked remembrance day with our potato print poppies.

We have been in awe of the wonderful Christmas activities beginning and all the decorations.



Christmas (Parties, celebrations, activities and gifts) Christmas (25/12) Hanukkah (25/12)

Activities we will do at nursery:

- Christmas tree sticking and handprint wreaths
- Christmas cards
- Clay models
- Scratch art hanging decorations
- Festive scavenger hunts
- Christmas bowling
- Pom pom tweezer sorting
- Snowman paperplates
- Threading decorations
- Melting snowman tuff tray
- Handprint reindeer
- Foil painting
- Potato printing decorations
- Christmas light catchers
- Christmas baking
- Looking at how the plants change for each season
- Yoga
- Children are looking forward to our new indoor garden and great physical res















December's Preschool focus:

Using mathematics in our Christmas experiences. Can the children identify colour, shape, pattern. Can we count the amount of baubles on the tree, how many angels have we got. Know that the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells us how many there are in total ('cardinal principle'). Develop fast recognition of up to 3 objects, without having to count them individually ('subitising'). Link numerals and amounts: for example, showing the right number of objects to match the numeral, up to 5.

Some ideas to do at home:

- Letters to Santa, this can include using images of favourite things to practice cutting and sticking skills
- Gingerbread or cookie baking. Sharing ingredients and using utensils carefully and learning safety in kitchen and fun of cooking and baking.
- Make Christmas cards to share with family and friends.
- Christmas scavenger hunt, hide some key Christmas things & work with your little ones to hunt them down.
- Explore family traditions
- Spend time with friends and family
- Donate to a local charity or food bank and explore the gift of giving time or an item to others <u>Home - Hope</u> For Food
- Decorate the tree
- Singing and dancing to Christmas songs

We would love to see any photos of activities & experiences from home via the Interactive Learning Diary!



































