

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

We will be talking about family Christmas traditions. We will be learning to share toys and talk about them with our friends. We will be choosing our favourite things by expressing opinions and role playing having parties. We will be taking on the roles of others by 'working' in our toy shop.

**Literacy, Communication and Language**

We will be working on words that support stages 1 and 2 of the Oxford Reading Tree scheme. We will be sharing fiction and non-fiction books about toys, continuing to build on letter sounds learnt through Jolly Phonics and be using these to aid our writing. We will also be learning the names of letters e.g. A, B, C. The children will now be encouraged to write more frequently and to form letters correctly. They will be encouraged to write labels and captions and sentences in meaningful contexts. We will be blending and segmenting words and sounding out cvc words noticing rhyming patterns. At the start of each day children will be asked to self-register by writing their name.

The children will be talking about toys they got for Christmas and their favorite toys. They will also be talking about the types of toys they played with when they were younger. They will be using the puppets they make to re-enact and develop their own stories.

**Focus  
Let's  
Play**

**Mathematics**

We will be looking closely at writing numbers, collecting data, counting in 1's, 5's and 10's, comparing and ordering numbers. In the role-play toy shop children will be using coins and the vocabulary involved in adding and subtracting. We will also be sorting toys and making toys using 3D shapes.

**Understanding the World**

We will be looking at different types of toys, what materials they are made from and how they work. We will also be focusing on different types of puppets and making our own. We will be talking about the types of toys the children used to play with when they were a baby and how they are different from the types of toys they play with now.

**Physical Development**

We will be doing both gymnastics and dance. We will be learning how to travel in different ways, follow instructions and learning how to use apparatus safely. Our work in dance will relate to topic work where we will be moving like different types of toys and exploring the story of penguin small.

We will be writing our names, handwriting and sewing puppets. We will also be using tools to design and make models.

**Expressive Arts and Design**

We will be making different types of puppets and toys. We will also be doing observational drawing, painting and colour mixing.

We will be using the percussion instruments to create winter music and dancing in response to the music

Welcome back to the new term and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your best wishes, cards and gifts at the end of the Autumn term. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas. Please also remember to let us know if you child had any questions or concerns. We are usually free to talk at the end of the day.

You can help by:

- Regularly reading with your child and learning the new vocabulary we send home.
- Write in the blue reading diary each week to let us know how your child has done.
- Continue to help your child learn the phonic sounds and help them to make simple words they can sound out using the letters.
- Contribute to your child's profile by filling in the yellow handprints showing new skills and achievements.
- Talk to your child about daily activities and hobbies and send in speech bubbles for 'show and tell' on a Monday. Show and tell should only include; special visits, activities, i.e. things your child may have found on a walk or something they have made at home. It should not include favourite toys and please do not feel as though you have to send something every week.
- Please work with you child to write their name using correct letter formation and with a capital letter only at the beginning of their name. Please also work on writing all letters of the alphabet, using correct pencil grip, starting in the correct place and using correct formation.
- Help your child to play number games using addition and subtraction and to write numbers 0-20 using correct formation.

Please let us know if you or your child has any questions or concerns. We are usually free to talk at the end of every session or feel free to email us on the following email addresses;

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