

Christmas has arrived in Reception – our classroom is starting to resemble a grotto and we are enjoying lots of Christmas related learning. We have lots of exciting activities coming up next week, including getting ready to film something for you to enjoy.

This Week...

In Maths this week, we have been looking at the basics of time. Our Early Learning Goal is to use every day language to talk about time. In our continuous provision activity, you may have seen the children have been creating watches. We have looked at the routines of our day and focused on the days of the week.

In Literacy, we have focused on orally rehearsing our 'We're going on a Baby Hunt'. The children have been split into groups and we have been practising speaking clearly and loudly.

We have started our RE unit: Christmas. We are looking at the nativity story and focusing on Christmas celebrating the birth of Jesus.

This week we have also started to complete some Christmas crafts.

Next week...

Our Maths next week will be focusing on representing numbers in different ways. We will also be practising counting in our provision areas.

Our Literacy will carry on from this week and include looking at and enjoying different Christmas stories.

Miss Kitt will carry on with our RE unit 'Christmas'.

Our continuous provision areas will include the toy workshop, a wrapping station, Mrs Klaus' kitchen, the Christmas Post Office and practising our fine motor skills by decorating a tree.

We will carry on with our reading books, phonics and tricky word learning.



<u>Upcoming Dates</u>

Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day/Fairtrade Friday

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 17th December – Christmas Party Day (more information to follow)

Friday 18th December – Finish for Christmas (1pm finish)

<u>Christmas Cards</u>

You will have read in the whole school newsletter about Christmas cards. We have decided that, in Reception, when they come to school, we will be popping them in the children's Christmas bags so they can all come home on the last day. Please make sure any cards are in school by Tuesday 15th December.

<u>Home Activity</u>

Our wishes and thanks board needs updating in the corridor. You may remember we created tags giving thanks at Harvest time. Children will be coming home with a star shape – please fill the star with wishes for the New Year. This can be created as a family. The children can draw if they wish or have a go at writing. They will join Year 1's wishes.

