

The Christmas Star

Week beginning 4th, 11th and 18th December 2023

This week in phonics...

We will be learning to read and write words containing the digraphs 'ff', 'll', 'ss', 'zz', 'qu', 'ch', 'sh', 'th' and 'ng'.

We are learning to read 'all', 'they', 'have' and 'said'.

Why this 'theme'?

We have chosen this theme as a good hook into our learning around the Christmas Story and why this is an important time for Christians.

This week in maths...

Week 1- We will exploring shapes with 4 sides.

Week 2 - We will be consolidating our maths learning.

Skills Focus

Understanding the World: Sharing and talking about 'The Christmas Story'. Finding out about how Christmas is celebrated around the world. Looking at seasonal changes from Autumn to Winter.

Expressive Arts and Design: Learning about the Christmas Story through songs.

PSED: Learning about hygiene and the hand washing song.

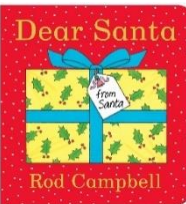
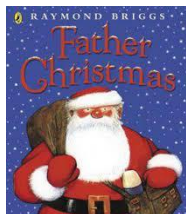
Communication and language: Use the word because to explain ideas.

Key Vocab

Understanding the World: beliefs, Bible, celebration, Christian, Christmas, festivals, God, religions, symbols, country, different, similar, world, changes, describe, observation, seasons, senses.

Expressive Arts and Design: Sing, song, perform, loud

PSED: Hygiene, germs, clean, protect

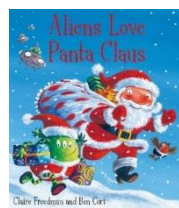
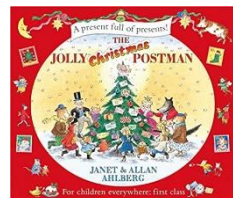


Did you know...

Christmas trees were first used by Ancient Egyptians and Romans.

I wonder...

Would you rather it was always your birthday or always Christmas? Why?



Things your child can do at home: Learn the song words for our Christmas show, write Christmas lists and letters to Father Christmas, help to write Christmas cards, read Christmas books or watch Christmas films together.

Homework: Write a letter or card for a friend. Add their name, address and a stamp. Put it into a post box to send it to them.

We are a Church of England School...

We say a prayer before lunch each day.

In our daily collective worship, we will be exploring this half-term's theme of 'Trust'

This week's song: *Away in a Manger*

School Values:

Compassion • Courage • Responsibility



Christmas Performances

The dates for our Christmas Performance are:

Monday 18th December at 2.00pm

Tuesday 19th December at 9.30am

Tuesday 19th December at 2.00pm

Look out next week for more information about our Christmas performance and how to get tickets...