



Celebrations: The Christmas Story – Week Four & Five

For the next couple of weeks, we will be focusing on Jesus's birthday/Christmas Day. We will be introducing the Christmas Story and how that links to our Nativity.

<p><u>Communication and Language</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read various Christmas themed books such as The Christmas Nativity, The Grinch who stole Christmas, The Crayons at Christmas, The Dinosaur who pooped Christmas, Mog's Christmas and discuss them. • Decorate Christmas Cookies as a small group and talk about their experiences using new vocabulary or full sentences. • Create a Christmas Scene Small World together and have a conversation which flows back and forth. • Create Christmas role plays using dressing up for children to explore language through their role play. 	<p><u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talking about how we each celebrate Christmas and our own traditions during this time. Does your family celebrate Christmas? How does your family celebrate Christmas? How does it make you feel to receive gifts? • Pass an Elf around the circle. When the child is holding the toy, it is their turn to speak. Can they talk about what they would like for Christmas? Or draw what they would like? • Talk about healthy choices of food. Pose the question: Is a Christmas Dinner healthy? 	<p><u>Physical Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow Santa's footprints by hopping, skipping or jumping. • Build Santa's Sleigh using the bricks, blocks and crates. • Throw snowballs and count how many landed in the basket. • Throw and catch Rudolph's Red Nose. • Cut paper and wrap boxes in Santa's Workshop (Linking to Maths). • Make Gingerbread flavoured Play Doh using language of ordering events. (linking to Maths). • Thread beads on to the pipe cleaner Candy Canes. • Put Christmas clothing in the Role play area with zips and buttons. • Cut items out of a magazine/catalogue and make a Christmas List.
<p><u>Expressive Arts and Design</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paint the ice using different sized paint brushes. • Take part in a Christmas Performance/Nativity showing confidence in remembering songs and rhymes. • Role play the Christmas Story. • Play Christmas songs using instruments like bells. • Make Christmas decorations and crafts. 	<p><u>Literacy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add a festive Post Box to the writing area for children to write and post Christmas Cards and Letters. • Drawing Club- The Gingerbread Man & Wacky Races 	<p><u>Understanding the World</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore different cultures and why Christians celebrate Christmas. Make a Christingle to understand this culture and what the Christingle represents. • Discuss how other religions celebrate Christmas and talk about their similarities and differences by sorting photos. • Look at the process of freezing and melting ice.
<p><u>Mathematics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Count back from 5 to zero • Make different ways of 2,3,4,5 • Understand the value of zero • Use the language of weight/mass • Compare weights • Compare size • Knowing what heavy and light mean • Compare weight using hands and balance scales • Sort objects into groups of heavy and light 	<p><u>Ideas to Explore at Home</u></p> <p>Make a Christmas wish list to send to Father Christmas</p> <p>Sing the songs for our Nativity together</p> <p>Visit your local town to look at the Christmas tree and lights</p> <p>Write Christmas cards for your friends</p> <p>Watch a Christmas movie!</p> 	