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What we have been up to:

In Nursery, we have been busy learning our Christmas Nativity songs for our performance. We also had a go at keeping a simple rhythm using the percussion instruments. We have also been busy decorating and learning about Yule logs.

We have had fun making Christmas cards, calendars, wrapping paper and tree decorations for the festive season.

We have been recognising amounts up to 5 without counting in group time and counting above 5 accurately with one to one correspondence.

We have been recognising and writing our names.

Curriculum:

English

We will continue to mark make using a variety of media and tools, inside and outside. We will be encouraging a three fingered tripod grip. Children will be encouraged to recognize their own name and the letter it begins with and the sound it makes. We will be writing some letters from our names or all of it. We will be playing phonics games with rhyming words and letter sounds, sounding out simple words. We will continue singing familiar and unfamiliar songs and Nursery rhymes.

These are some of the stories we will reading: Here We Are and How to Catch A Star by Oliver Jeffers, Moon by Britta Teckentrup, Aliens Love Underpants.

How can I help at home? Encourage your child to use a three fingered tripod grip when drawing and writing their name at home.

Maths

We will be exploring and understanding numbers 1, 2 and 3 by subitising, counting, and using a five frame. We will continue our daily counting activities in group time and by talking about the calendar learning the day, date, month and year. We will also be talking about the seasons and weather.

How can I help at home? Recognise small amounts up to 5 without counting. Use a dice to play a game like snakes and ladders to recognise amounts on a dice.

Physical Development

We will be using the gym equipment to explore over, under and through and we will have a try at rolling and jumping. Outside we will continue to use bikes and trikes to move and the climbing frame and other equipment to balance.

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Curriculum:

Expressive Arts, Being Imaginative

We will be making a Mother's Day card and gift, and a Valentine's gift. We will be making rockets using junk and painting planets with colour and texture. We will also be making our own aliens in a spaceship using different materials. We are going to have a space role play station to imagine what it is like travelling and working in space. We will be choosing outfits to dress up independently in. We will continue to learn new songs and rhymes with a space theme.

Communication & Language

We will be talking about space and the world we live in. We will be asking and answering questions about space and the world we live in. We will be talking about different planets in our solar system and describing them. We will be using story language to make up our own stories about space. We will be talking about Chinese New Year and tasting Chinese noodles. We will be talking and describing the winter weather.

How can I help at home? Discuss story books and non-fiction texts at home. Sing songs rhymes and poems by heart.

Curriculum:

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be talking about dreams and goals.

Understanding the world

We will be learning about the world we live in and other planets in the solar system. We will be learning ways that we can look after our world by reading lovely stories and picture books with an environmental theme. We will be talking about night and day. Outside we will explore winter weather and what it brings. We will have a role play space station with dressing up to explore. We will be looking out to see if our bulbs are starting to grow in the garden. We will be learning about Chinese New Year and cooking some vegetable stir fry and noodles to celebrate.

How can I help at home? Talk about the planet we live on and how we need to look after it.

Look at picture books about caring for our world.

- Ten things I can do to help my world by Melanie Walsh
- Tidy by Emily Gravett

Reminders / Key Dates:

4th January - Return to school

2nd February - Number Day

6th February - Children's mental health week

10th February - Break Up for Half Term

Sharing Our Learning

We have launched new social media channels to help share the fantastic learning that is going on in our year group.

We'd love you to follow us and see what we've been up to:

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[Instagram](#)