



The children are fascinated by the pulley we have hung over the sand tray which is encouraging them to work as a team to use it. This week the class will be making Christmas tree decorations to sell at the Christmas Fayre as well as talking about the Nativity story.

Please remember to send in your child's sheep costume for the Nativity in a labelled carrier bag. Please could you also include a pair of sunglasses with the costume as we may use them as part of our dance – thank you!

Prime Areas

Physical Development including Hand Gym:

- Picking up bottle tops with grabbers
- Passing a ball hand to hand around a circle
- Making models out of unifix bricks
- Cutting and making Christmas trees

Communication and Language:

- Listen to and start to talk about the story of the Nativity
- Language of fire and rescue when role playing outside

Personal Social and Emotional Development:

- Adult support to share and take turns
- Be encouraged to work as a team to eg tidy up the class or help each other

Specific Areas

Literacy including Phonics:

- Free mark making
- Pet check forms in vets
- Recognising, reading and writing sounds **h,j,v,w** and high frequency words “get,” “yes,” “big” and “dog.”

Mathematics:

- Practical subtraction
- Recording subtraction by crossing out
- Counting objects into “less than” pots eg less than 8
- Making number lines

Understanding the World

- Find out about the story of the Nativity and its importance for Christians
- Explore and talk about the effect of cold weather in the world around us, eg frost on cars, ice in water tray

Expressive Art and Design:

- Make and decorate Christmas trees
- Free painting and drawing
- Learn and sing the songs for our nativity performance

How you can help at home:

We have been investigating regular 3d solid shapes. See if your child can spot them around the home and ask them to name and describe them to you. Encourage them to use mathematical terms to describe them such as “points”, “edges” and “faces.” Perhaps they could take a photo or draw a picture of a 3d shape at home and bring it in to share with the class.

Many thanks! Mrs McQueen