



The children have been enjoying writing to Father Christmas and he has been writing back! He has sent a letter to say he has sent one of his elves to check if the children are remembering the Golden Rules! This week we will be making cards and decorations for Christmas and having a little party on Wednesday morning. A reminder that Thursday is Christmas jumper day!

Prime Areas

Physical Development including Hand Gym:

- Scissor skill practise -cut out triangle shapes for Christmas trees
- Trace on letter shapes and Christmas shapes
- Cut a stable to make a nativity scene

Communication and Language:

- Use the language of giving in role play in the Christmas den
- Talk about how we celebrate Christmas

Personal Social and Emotional Development:

- Finding ways to negotiate in different social situations with adult support
- Playing Christmas party games and accepting winning and losing
- Talk about Christmas jumper day and why we are wearing Christmas jumpers

Specific Areas

Literacy including Phonics:

- Blending and segmenting cvc words
- Revising all taught letter sounds and words
- Emergent writing

Mathematics:

- Practise counting, ordering and reciting numbers 0-20
- Solve simple Christmas add and subtract problems
- Play counting games

Understanding the World

- Visit our tree at Ballard's Close and talk about what we notice and signs of Winter
- For RE identify and talk about the meaning of birthday celebrations, then to recognise that Christians celebrate Jesus' birthday by identifying some elements of the celebration

Expressive Art and Design:

- Hand print angel
- Use triangles to make Christmas trees
- Role play being Father Christmas or reindeer

I cannot believe the first term is over! The children have already grown and developed so much since September. They are very settled and happy working together in their learning. I can see however that they are all ready for a holiday and a good rest! Mrs Curds and I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.
With best wishes, Mrs McQueen