



TOWN CLOSE SCHOOL

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Nursery Curriculum Information

Week Beginning: Monday 12th December 2016



Dear Parents

This week in Nursery we have continued to read lots of stories about Christmas. We have linked these stories to talking about Christmas, numbers and letters.

- On Monday we introduced our new sound 'r' and the number 12. We all shared our weekend news with our key person. We enjoyed Christmas dancing with Mrs Wilson. We decided to go carol singing in the afternoon! We sang 'Jingle bells' and 'We wish you a merry Christmas' to lots of children and teachers in Prep, including Mr Bevington. Lots of the Prep children joined in and sang with us, and gave us a big clap.
- On Tuesday we had lots of fun in the sports hall. Mr Woods (Head of PE at Town Close) kindly gave Nursery a big bag of mini sports equipment, which we will really enjoy using next term. We loved decorating gingerbread men. In the afternoon, we played in the Pre Prep hall and created some wonderful drawings and doodles to music, on large pieces of paper.
- On Wednesday we had lots of fun at our Nursery Christmas party. We danced and played with balloons, enjoyed using the parachute to play lots of games and had a party snack time. We played outside on the bikes and trikes and made Christmas crowns to wear on Friday for our Christmas lunch. We spent the afternoon outside, or inside painting with Mrs Bloom.
- On Thursday we all went swimming in small groups. We had a special visitor in Nursery, Mr Ruffle (retired Head of Geography at Town Close). He showed us how a volcano erupts using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar and created an explosion in the garden using fizzy drink and mints.
- On Friday we really enjoyed our delicious Christmas lunch and Christmas ice-cream. In the afternoon we had another special visitor in Nursery. Mr Chapman (Head of Science at Town Close) came and did a magic show for us; he is a very talented magician! We ended the term with the whole of Pre Prep gathering in the hall to sing Christmas songs and carols around the Christmas tree. Father Christmas left each class a present, which was very exciting.
- We have enjoyed our 'daily Christmas disco' when we boogie to a chosen Christmas song, and have continued to enjoy the cbeebies advent calendar.
- This week we have introduced the sound 'r' for Rudolph, reindeer and red.
- We have revisited lots of 2D shapes and talked about the numbers 12,13, 14, 15 and 16 linked to the numbers on our advent calendars.

You may wish to try these activities at home linked to our learning in Nursery this term:

- cutting and snipping up Christmas cards and paper.
- talking about the initial sounds introduced this term (Read, Write Inc Speed Sounds set 1 are available to buy on Amazon uk and match the phonic scheme we use in school).
- playing very simple number games involving taking turns, counting and not always being the winner.
- practising careful counting, talking about, spotting and recognising, numbers of objects and numerals.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 10th January: First day of term

Key Person and Mrs Hampsheir Meetings – 2.30pm - 3.30pm:

- **Monday 6th February:** Mrs Amies
- **Tuesday 7th February:** Mrs Averill
- **Wednesday 8th February:** Mrs Bailey
- **Thursday 9th February:** Mrs Coman

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year break with your children.

With very best wishes from Mrs Harries, Mrs Hampsheir and the Little Acorns Teaching Assistants.

Melanie Amies