

Nursery Peek at the Week

Weekly News

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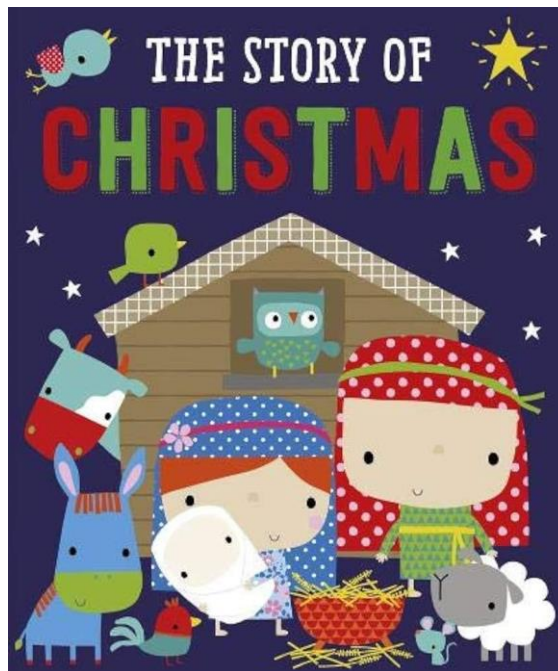
We have been continuing to discuss the Nativity story and thinking about why Christmas is an important celebration for Christians. The children have learnt most of our nativity songs and are making the links between the songs and the story. They have all learnt the Makaton actions and understand how Makaton can help people who have difficulty hearing or speaking. We have been thinking about some of the different things that we all do to celebrate Christmas. We have talked about the different decorations that we see and we have even tried to make our own decorations.

In Maths, we have been learning to continue a repeating pattern using two colours for example red, green, red, green, red, green. Some of the children were able to use patterns when making Christmas baubles and these look fantastic! For our Phonics learning we have been looking at objects beginning with the 't' sound. We played a game called Bertha the Bus and Bertha the bus saw lots of animals beginning with 't' including a turkey, a turtle, a tiger and a tortoise.

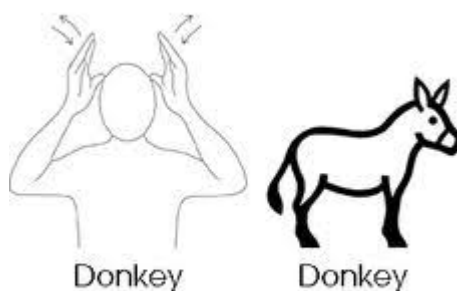
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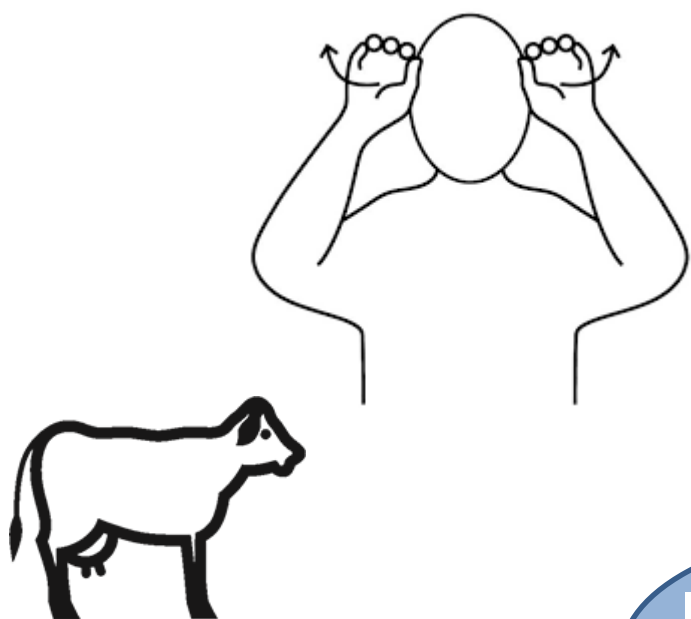


Please share these photographs with your child and talk about what they have learnt.



The children have been using 'The story of the first Christmas' book to practise their nativity actions.

Can use the Makaton sign for donkey, cow, king, sheep or Jesus?



Mary's cousin was pregnant too. That means she is having a baby.



The children have been rein acting the nativity story in their play. We have had lots of pregnant boys and girls.



It's our bonfire party.

The children have also been role-playing some of the other celebrations that we have been learning about.

We have to be careful fire is hot.

We are flying on Santa's sleigh, we bring the presents.

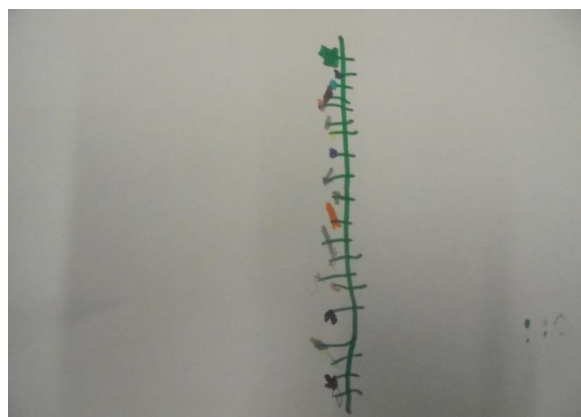


We put Divas in for Diwali.

The children have been drawing their own Christmas pictures. Look at Bruno's fantastic Christmas tree.

What you draw a Christmas picture at home?

We would also like to see photographs of your Christmas decorations at home, so that the children can talk about them. If you do not celebrate Christmas, we would love to see photos of your house decorated for a different celebration.



The children have been using playdough to make and decorate their own Christmas trees and decorations.

Can you make some playdough decorations?

Can you make some salt dough decorations and bake them in the oven. Then you can keep them.



The children have been using lolly sticks to create their own decorations.

Can you make some decorations at home?

If you are happy to share them then we would love to have some that we can use to decorate nursery.





For our maths learning, we have been learning to continue repeating patterns using two colours e.g. blue, silver, blue, silver etc.

Can you find any patterns in your house?

Can you continue a repeating pattern if a grown up makes one for you?

Can you make your own repeating pattern?





The children have been strengthening their finger muscles and developing their fine motor skills using tweezers. They have been filling different bottles with cotton wool to make snowmen.

Can you use tweezers at home?



The children have also used pipettes to develop their fine motor skills. They have been dropping different coloured paint to colour Santa's beard.

Can you use a pipette at home?



Many of the children have said that it snows at Christmas. We have talked about the fact that this is not always the case. However, we have experimented making our own snow to play with. We have even made snowmen.

Can you make snow at home? What will you use?



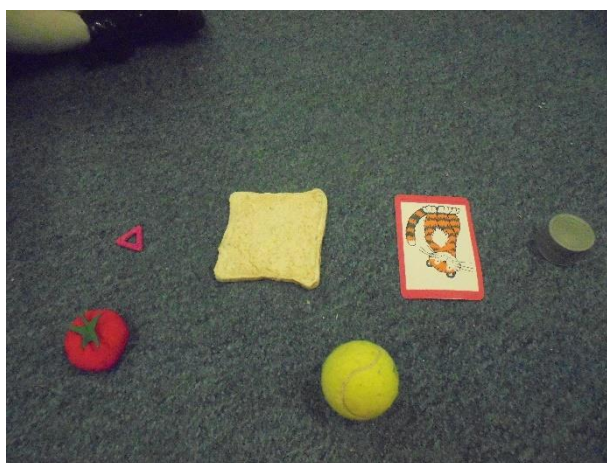
Phonics

This week for our phonics learning, we have been thinking about objects and animals that begin with the 't' phoneme.

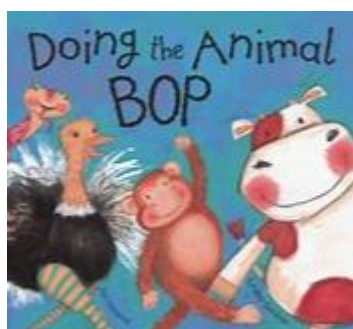
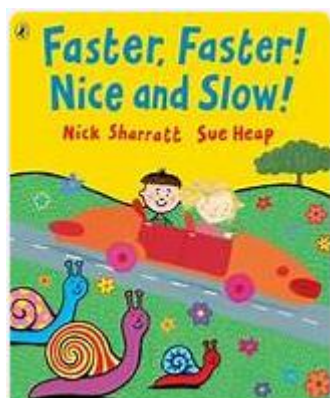
Does anyone in your family begin with T?

Can you find objects in your house beginning with t?

We would love to see photographs of them!



3-a-day Stories: The children have learnt our last 3 a day stories really well. These are our new 3 a day stories for this half term:



Applying your child's primary school place

All of our current nursery children are due to start primary school in September 2025.

Being in our nursery does not automatically mean that you will be given a primary school place at our school. If you have not seen the rest of the school I highly recommend that you come to an open morning or evening to find out all about the lovely curriculum that we have to offer. This includes Forest School and many other extras that other schools may not have (please see dates in our key dates section).

Please see details below detailing how to apply for a school place:

If you are Sutton resident, please use the link below:

<https://www.sutton.gov.uk/w/applying-to-start-primary-school-1>

The website offers guidance and a step-by-step video guide to help you through the process.

Applications open on 1st September 2024 and close on 15th January 2025.

National offer day will be on 16th April 2025

If you live in another borough, you will need to apply through your local council's website but you are still able to select Sutton schools.

If you have any questions regarding this, please ask.

Important Dates

Christmas Fair Saturday 7th December 12:00pm-3:00pm please come along and support the school and have lots of Christmas fun at the fair. We also need volunteers for the stall, please see the QR code in the Nursery window to sign up to help.

Dress rehearsal Wednesday 11th December we will be performing to siblings and some of the older children in the school. **Could we please have named costumes as soon as possible please!**

Donkey visit Friday 13th December the children will get to see real life donkeys to support their learning of the nativity story.

School Open Morning Friday 13th December 09:30am-11:30am You will have to apply for your child's school space by 15th January 2025. If you would like to find out more about the school please attend one of our open mornings or evenings.

Nativity Performances to parents/carers: Tuesday 17th December 9:30am-10:30am and Wednesday 18th December 2:15pm-3:15pm

Please check your child's costume letter to see what they need to wear for these performances. **Please could we have your child's costume in a named bag as soon as possible?**

Last day of Nursery Thursday 19th December children to attend their usual session times.

