

Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter 10th December 2021

Nursery

We have really got into the Christmas spirit this week in Donaldson class. We have been practising songs for our performance on Monday (which will be shared with you asap next week on Tapestry), exploring alternative versions of *The Christmas Story*, and engaging in lots of festive themed activities including decorating baubles, decorating our tree, making marks using candy canes, exploring cinnamon scented green playdough, counting out the correct number of baubles to decorate each Christmas tree, retrieving the Christmas trees using tweezers and looking after baby Jesus.

In maths, in addition to counting down the sleeps until Christmas Day on our class Advent Calendar daily, we have focused on accurate counting and linking numerals to amounts.

In phonics, we have focused on tuning into instrumental sounds. The children had great fun playing *Adjust the volume* - sitting opposite each other with identical instruments and taking turns to copy each other making loud sounds and quiet sounds.

Reminders:

- Please send your child into Nursery on Monday in a Christmas jumper ready for our performance
- We will be joining Reception for Forest school on Wednesday 15th December, so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately.
- We will be having a joint Christmas party on Friday 17th with Reception. Your child is invited to wear their Christmas jumper on this day.



Reception

This week in Jeffers class we have been practising our Christmas songs. The children have been really trying to remember all the words and actions. They cannot wait to film it for you all on Monday 😊.

During maths we have been learning all about less and subtraction, and in phonics we are still learning our Phase 3 sounds. We have also been trying really hard with segmenting and blending to be able to read and write words, but we still need more practise on this.

The children have been very creative this week. They made homemade fruit garlands for the window as well as their very own wreaths and Christmas Baubles.

We all loved dressing up in our Christmas jumpers ready for our Christmas dinner, which was brilliant. We got to listen to Christmas music and pull crackers with our friends. Even the teachers all joined the children for their festive lunch.

Just a reminder that Forest school will be on Wednesday 15th December, so please make sure the children are wearing suitable attire.

