

Nursery

We've had a busy week in Donaldson class this week. At the beginning of the week, we remembered the story of *Elmer* by David McKee and discussed how everyone in the world is different from everyone else – although we have similarities to others in terms of how we look or our likes and dislikes, we are all different, unique and special.

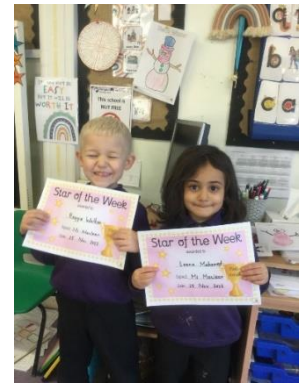
On Wednesday we had great fun at Forest School – practising our climbing, swinging and digging skills, and creating our very own Christmas tree decorations.

The children were very excited to discover a Christmas tree and Advent calendar (with chocolate coins) on arrival at Nursery on Thursday. We read *The Christmas Story* and watched a version of it being told using sand drawings – the children were fascinated by this. We then discussed the importance of Advent to Christians and have started counting down the sleeps on our class Advent Calendar until Christmas Day. In maths, we have continued to explore pattern - the children couldn't wait to create repeating pattern paper chains to decorate our classroom. In phonics, we have been exploring sounds – the children enjoyed playing Noisy Neighbour with Mr Thorpe in role and identifying the sounds he was making – snoring, stamping his feet, running the tap, flushing the toilet, playing the tambourine, yawning, and knocking on the door. We have also enjoyed playing numerous turn-taking games, creating models with playdough and construction materials and free painting.



Reception

Our topic for the term is *Let's celebrate!* and we felt it was very appropriate to spend some time celebrating the World Cup Football tournament that is being held. Many students found this topic very interesting and exciting as we imagined ourselves playing in a future World Cup tournament. We have brought some footballs into the outside play area and all students are taking turns to pass balls around to each other. Forest School was enjoyed by all, and many students enjoyed heating up some hot chocolate in the forest on a fire. Our book of the week has been *Stick Man* by Julia Donaldson. Our students described all the different ways we can use sticks in our daily lives and created their own stick men with wobbly eyes, glitter, scarves, wool, tin foil and woolly hats. We compared length by comparing each other's sticks from outside and seeing who had found the longest stick. Well done to the stars of last week – Reggie and Leena! They are always following instructions, showing kindness and maturity in all situations!



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Both classes are continuing to learn festive songs for our EYFS Christmas performance which will be held on Thursday 15th December at 10am.