



Pre-School Newsletter December 2017



Exploring the snow

Pre-school children have been learning about winter and have enjoyed exploring the snow and ice this week. We used spades, spoons, ladles and potato mashers to investigate the patterns we could make in the snow. We thought about different words to describe the texture: crunchy, icy, slippery, freezing, soft, and smooth.



Christmas Family Learning Challenge

"Giving"

Tell us about an activity your child/family has done linked to the theme of "giving"! Maybe a gift, your time, help you have given ...

E.g. you might make a special gift, give your time to visit someone, give to the food bank, or you might help out doing something for others.

Festivals and traditions

We have been learning about different festivals, such as Christmas and Hanukkah. We have been practising for our Christmas show and learning about Christmas around the world. We have also explored the sounds and feel of Christmas decorations and learnt words such as baubles, tinsel, sparkly, glittery, and glistening.



Developing language

We have been developing children's vocabulary using 'treasure bags' of sensory objects. Children explored the objects using words such as 'squashy', 'stretchy' and 'soft', and we extended their language by adding more unusual words such as 'coarse', or 'prickly'.

You can help your child's language just by talking with them. Repeat a word they have said, and add a bit more e.g. "ball" (child) - "yes, it's a blue, squashy, bouncy, shiny ball!" Children are absorbing all the words they hear!

