



Monkey Puzzle Ware

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Dates for your diary

Christmas Dinner Day

Tuesday 15th December

Christmas Film Day

Wednesday 16th
December

Christmas Party (only children in on the day)

Thursday 17th December

Christmas Closure

21st December-28th
December inclusive

31st December

Inset Day (nursery closed)

Dear Parents,

We have had a few questions about Christmas gifts for staff this year, if you would like to get a specific gift for your child's key worker that is absolutely fine just label it accordingly as usually any non-specific gifts go into a raffle at the end of term for all staff. Similarly, if you would like a list of names of children for Christmas cards please email the office.

All of the unclaimed lost property has now been disposed of or sent to the charity shop, when the box is full again, I'll send out more photos.

If your child is not going to be in nursery for the 29th and 30th December, please do let us know so we don't have staff in unintentionally.

Can I kindly remind parents that breakfast is only served up until 8.30am so please ensure your child is here in plenty of time.

Can I also remind parents that the afternoon session finishes at 1.00pm, if you are late and do not let know you will be charged a £5 late collection fee.

Jenny will be starting in our over 2's room next week, she will be working part-time to replace Krissy. Keep a look out for her photo on the team page.

Kind Regards,

The Management Team

What's for lunch?



Week 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Cereal + Toast Fruit selection Gluten, Dairy	Cereal + Toast Fruit selection Gluten, Dairy	Cereal + Toast Fruit selection Gluten, Dairy	Cereal + Toast Fruit selection Gluten, Dairy	Cereal + Toast Fruit selection Gluten, Dairy
AM Snack	Pitta bread & humous Gluten	Fruit selection	Croissants Gluten, Dairy	Fruit selection	Fruit Loaf + Butter Gluten
Lunch	Penne Pasta Bake Fruit Salad Gluten	Christmas Dinner Swiss roll and ice cream Gluten, Dairy	Moroccan chicken and cous cous Fruit cake Gluten, dairy, Eggs	Shepherd's Pie and mixed vegetables Melon pieces	Roast Turkey, Roast potatoes and Carrots and gravy Yogurt Dairy, Gluten
PM Snack	Fruit selection	Malt loaf Gluten, Dairy	Movie snacks!	Fruit and cinnamon Bagels Gluten, dairy	Fruit selection
Tea	Mixed sandwiches and salad Chocolate sponge Gluten, Raw tomatoes, Eggs	Chicken pittas and salad pieces Rainbow cookies Gluten, Dairy, Raw tomatoes, Eggs	Cheese and marmite scones and salad Yogurt Gluten, Dairy, Raw tomato	PARTY TEA!	Ham wraps Mango and pineapple Gluten, Mango, Pineapple

What have the babies been up to...



More painting this week as the babies use both their hands and paint brushes to decorate some salt dough.

Practitioners offer them tools and glitter as they decorate.



This child concentrates intently on fixing these two pieces of track together, this develops shape, space, and measure.

Practitioners help out when necessary and encourage the children to find some trains to push around their track.



We are ready for Christmas in the baby room and have been wearing Santa hats!

The babies have explored some baubles and tinsel and the tree has only been pulled down a few times!

What have the toddlers been up to...



The children have been exploring maths using Numicon, they count the holes and arrange it.

Arranging the Numicon works on their shape, space, and measure development.

Practitioners offer suggestions on how to use the Numicon in play.



The children have been 'baking' in the mud kitchen this week. They are baking Christmas cookies and Christmas dinners!

Practitioners introduce words such as recipe, weighing and other Christmas themed foods!



We have been exploring Christmas themed playdough, it was green and smelled like candy cane, the children use the Christmas themed cutters to cut out their shapes. Rolling and using malleable materials promotes wrist and hand strength in children.

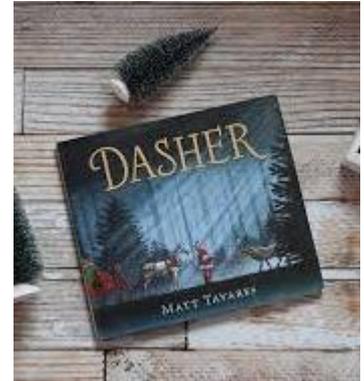
What have pre-school been up to...



The children used paper plates to make rainbows today.

They used scissors to cut around the plates to create the semi circles and painted them.

Some children chose not create rainbows and got imaginative with their paper plates.



We have been reading a lovely Christmas story called Dasher this week. The story is about a reindeer who flees the circus and bumps into Santa in the forest. Dasher helps Santa deliver his presents.

I think this is what spurred the circus play in the garden.



The pre-school children also explored the playdough- they used rolling pins to flatten and smooth the dough and used the cutters to make 'cookies'.

They smelt the playdough and spoke amongst themselves about where they had smelled this smell before.



The children have been practising their circus skills this week using the hula hoops. They first started to try and hula hoops but weren't so good so have been spinning it around their hands and rolling them to each other.



The children made mobiles at forest school this week, they took their string and a hole punch to thread the leaves through. The mobiles were left in the tree for people walking by to admire.

They also hid a smiley face rock which one of our children had found in the town.

RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER
HAD A VERY SHINY NOSE
AND IF YOU EVER SAW IT
YOU WOULD EVEN SAY IT GLOWS

ALL OF THE OTHER REINDEER
USED TO LAUGH AND CALL HIM NAMES
THEY NEVER LET POOR RUDOLPH
JOIN IN ANY REINDEER GAMES

THEN ONE FOGGY CHRISTMAS EVE
SANTA CAME TO SAY
"RUDOLPH, WITH YOUR NOSE SO BRIGHT
WON'T YOU GUIDE MY SLEIGH TONIGHT?"

THEN HOW THE REINDEER LOVED HIM
AS THEY SHOUTED OUT WITH GLEE
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WHEN SANTA GOT STUCK UP THE CHIMNEY
HE BEGAN TO SHOUT
YOU GIRLS AND BOYS, WON'T GET ANY TOYS
IF YOU DON'T PULL ME OUT
MY BEARD IS BLACK. THERE'S SOOT IN MY SACK
MY NOSE IS TICKLING TOO
WHEN SANTA GOT STUCK UP THE CHIMNEY
AITCHOO! AITCHOO! AITCHOO!

ON THE FIRST DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME
A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

ON THE SECOND DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME
TWO TURTLE DOVES AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

ON THE THIRD DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME
THREE FRENCH HENS, TWO TURTLE DOVES AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

ON THE FOURTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME
FOUR CALLING BIRDS, THREE FRENCH HENS
TWO TURTLE DOVES AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

ON THE FIFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME
FIVE GOLD RINGS, FOUR CALLING BIRDS, THREE FRENCH HENS
TWO TURTLE DOVES AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

ON THE SIXTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME
SIX GEESE A LAYING, FIVE GOLD RINGS
FOUR CALLING BIRDS, THREE FRENCH HENS
TWO TURTLE DOVES AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME
SEVEN SWANS A SWIMMING, SIX GEESE A LAYING, FIVE GOLD RINGS
FOUR CALLING BIRDS, THREE FRENCH HENS
TWO TURTLE DOVES AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

ON THE EIGHTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME
EIGHT MAIDS A MILKING, SEVEN SWANS A SWIMMING
SIX GEESE A LAYING, FIVE GOLD RINGS
FOUR CALLING BIRDS, THREE FRENCH HENS
TWO TURTLE DOVES AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

ON THE NINTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS
NINE LADIES DANCING, EIGHT MAIDS A MILKING
SEVEN SWANS A SWIMMING, SIX GEESE A LAYING, FIVE GOLD RINGS
FOUR CALLING BIRDS, THREE FRENCH HENS
TWO TURTLE DOVES AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

ON THE TENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME
TEN LORDS A LEAPING, NINE LADIES DANCING, EIGHT MAIDS A MILKING
SEVEN SWANS A SWIMMING, SIX GEESE A LAYING, FIVE GOLD RINGS
FOUR CALLING BIRDS, THREE FRENCH HENS
TWO TURTLE DOVES AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

ON THE ELEVENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME
ELEVEN PIPERS PIPING, TEN LORDS A LEAPING
NINE LADIES DANCING, EIGHT MAIDS A MILKING
SEVEN SWANS A SWIMMING, SIX GEESE A LAYING, FIVE GOLD RINGS
FOUR CALLING BIRDS, THREE FRENCH HENS
TWO TURTLE DOVES AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

ON THE TWELFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME
TWELVE DRUMMERS DRUMMING, ELEVEN PIPERS PIPING
TEN LORDS A LEAPING, NINE LADIES DANCING, EIGHT MAIDS A MILKING
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