

RECEPTION



6th December 2024

Literacy

This week, we had a special delivery from Santa; Sam the elf joined Madagascar class and Bob the elf joined Peru class! The elves brought a new book for us to read called, 'The Jolly Christmas Postman.' We discussed what 'jolly' means and what a postman's job is. The children looked at a card that was addressed to Baby Bear. We learned how to spell the red word 'to' so that we could write our own card. The children also started their own Christmas lists. We hope that the children are on the good list with the amount of presents that have been requested.

Expressive Arts & Design

This week, the children made their own Christmas tree using paper plates. They painted the plates green and when they were dry, they cut the plates into triangle shapes before joining them together using staples. The children decorated the trees with paint and glitter then added a star to the top of the tree.

Understanding the World (People, Cultures and Communities)

As part of our No Outsiders curriculum, we have been opening a Global Calendar on various days this week. On 2nd December we opened the calendar door about Poland. The children looked at the flag of Poland and learned how to say Happy Christmas in Polish. This was repeated on Wednesday 4th for Spain and Friday 6th for Portugal.

Maths

In Maths this week, we have looked at repeated patterns, number bonds and 2D shapes. The children have been doing lots of practical activities in the provision to develop their understanding of maths. They have been encouraged to sequence numbers, count objects, compare sizes of objects and record how many points have been scored when playing a game. We have also been finding one less of a given number each day to calculate how many days are left until Christmas!

Personal, social and emotional development (PSED)

This week, we had a hand hygiene workshop. The children were taught about germs (especially germs that live on the toilet flush) and why it is so important to wash hands properly with soap. The staff that delivered the workshop shone a UV light on the children's hands to show them the germs and check that they had washed their hands properly. The children were shown how to wash their hands, including between their fingers and on their thumbs.

Understanding the World (People, cultures & communities)

The children have been learning about the different ways that people celebrate Christmas. They explored different Christmas traditions. The children also learned about different festivals that we spoke about in the poem during our Christmas performance (Diwali, Hanukkah, Los Posadas and Bodhi Day).

Reminders & Notices

- Thank you so much for coming to watch the children in their Christmas performance. They have been practising for weeks and they did so well! We are so proud of them. We hope you enjoyed the Christmas crafts afternoon in class as well.
- Tuesday 10th December- Christmas jumper swap
- Thursday 12th December- Christmas jumper day & Santa Dash

Thank you for your support! Mrs O'Keeffe & Miss Dutton
Miss McGrath, Miss Glascott & Miss Ryan