

Foundation Stage News

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Getting Festive!

We are sure there will be some very tired little ones going into the Christmas holidays after such a busy and exciting couple of weeks in school.

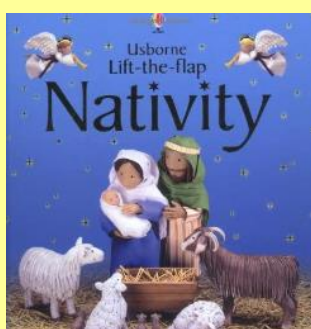
Last week we had our Christmas Craft event on Tuesday and we would like to say a big thank you to all of you for coming and getting involved. It was a wonderful, calm afternoon and we could see it meant a lot to the children to have you there. We also had our Christmas lunch on the Wednesday followed by an in-house Christmas cinema event (and a yummy chocolate treat too!) Finally, our week ended with a magical visit to Santa in his Grotto. He came all the way from the North Pole to spread some festive cheer! A big thank you to our PTA for getting in touch with Santa.

This week we had our Christmas show in the hall – more to follow on our photo gallery page. What a spectacular turn out and we would again like to thank you all for coming. It was lovely to see so many of you there!

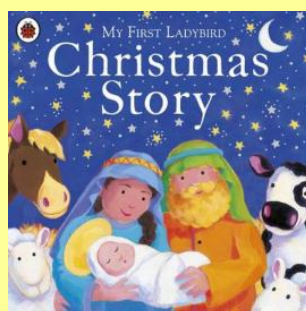


Books we shared this week

Each week we will share a collection of quality books with the children. They may be stories or information books. We try to link our books to the different areas of learning to help the children to deepen their understanding and to broaden their vocabulary. We also choose stories with no obvious link, just for pleasure. Below are the books we have shared this week. It is always good to revisit these books at home so that you can have conversations with your child about their experiences in school. If you do not have these books at home you may be able to find them at your local library or often there are video versions by searching the title on YouTube.



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Lift-the-flap
'Nativity'



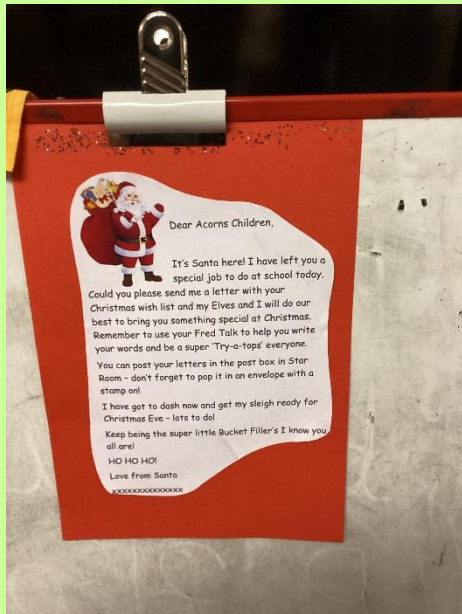
My first Ladybird
'Christmas Story'

'The Christmas Book'
By Dick Bruna



Writing to Santa....

Last week we had a real buzz in the classroom writing our letters to Santa. The children were so motivated to come and write and apply their phonic skills. It was a pleasure to see!



Look at all these super motivated little writers.



Our week started with a letter from Santa – the children were all very excited and couldn't wait to get started with their own writing back to him!

Once our letters were written the children couldn't wait to post them. We talked about the need for an envelope and a stamp too!



Look at our writing – we practised using red word 'to' at the start of our letter and then we used our Fred Talk skills to write a gift we would like for Christmas. We tried so hard to form our letter shapes correctly too.

At home..... You can help to really engage your child in their writing by providing purposeful writing opportunities for them to take part in, for example writing cards, shopping lists, letters. These writing opportunities really help your child to feel motivated to write. You can help your child by reminding them to 'Fred Talk' their words (e.g. if they want to write cat they need to break the word into the sounds 'c-a-t.' You can then prompt them to form their letters correctly using the handwriting phrases.

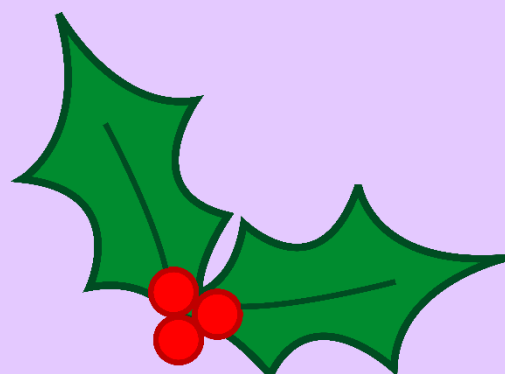
Christmas Craft Afternoon!



A wonderful afternoon crafting to get us in the festive spirit! We certainly had a classroom full of Christmas sparkle by the end.



Christmas Dinner!



Delicious! Such a special lunch for our Reception children!

Ho Ho Ho!!



Time to relax with a film...



Lights, Camera, Action!!

What a fantastic show on Tuesday this week! We were incredibly proud of all the children – each and every one tried their absolute best and put on a spectacular show for a very large audience! A big well done to all the boys and girls in Acorns for their first show in big school! Little stars!!



We can't believe where this term has gone -it really has flown! We are looking forward to the Spring Term and we have some exciting learning opportunities coming up for the children. Please look out for an email with some phonics video links for you to watch at home with your child over the holidays. Please also continue to flash through your child's sounds cards and help them to practise forming the letters in their name correctly.

We hope you have the most wonderful Christmas holiday and enjoy some precious family time together.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

