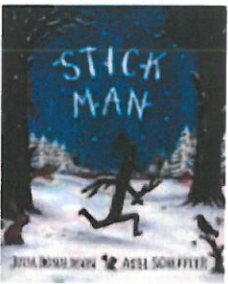


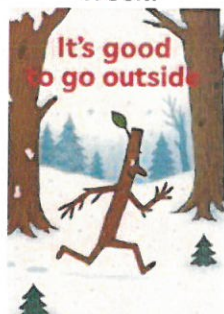


This week in Chestnut

We are here to help. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to your child's keyworker or any of the staff.

<p>Book of the week: Stick Man</p> 	<p>Rhyme of the week: Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer</p> 	<p>Sign of the week: Eat/ Snack</p> 	<p>Happy Thought of the week:</p> 
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Maths

We will be:

- Singing and chanting numbers from 1 to 5, using our fingers and objects like toy animals to help the children count along.
- Making a paper chain together, using two colours to create simple, repeating patterns. Each child will have a turn adding a strip and talking about the colours and pattern.



Phonics Phase 1 Aspect 3 – Body Percussion

We will be:

- Joining in a body-percussion version of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer using a simple action pattern: clap, tap knees... clap, tap knees etc.
- We will model the sequence slowly first, then singing to the tune while everyone keeps the repeating pattern together.
- We will be encouraging the children to listen carefully, stay in time, and join in with big, clear actions to support rhythm, coordination, and enjoyment.

Learning Opportunities

We will be:

- Making Christmas cookies, cakes, and other festive treats using playdough and Christmas-shaped cutters.
- Making Christmas cards and gift labels at Santa's workshop, using a variety of craft materials to decorate and write. We will be practising early mark-making skills and exploring how to create different shapes and letters.
- Singing, dancing, and exploring sounds with Christmas music. We will be making our own instruments, such as rice-filled bottles or wooden spoons and pans, and experimenting with creating sounds intentionally.

Help at Home

Spot the Advent Windows in Saltaire

Take a short walk around Saltaire to spot some of the Advent windows together. Talk with your child about what they can see — the colours, shapes, lights and pictures. Encourage them to notice which windows are big or small, and describe their favourite one. This will support their language, observation skills and help them feel connected to our community walk at nursery.



Dates for your diary:

- **WC 1/12/2025** - Hirst Wood Nursery School Saltaire Living Advent Calendar Window unveiled
- **9th & 11th December** - Christmas Lunch
- **17th & 19th December** - Christmas party's
- **Friday 19th of December** - Nursery breaks up for Christmas