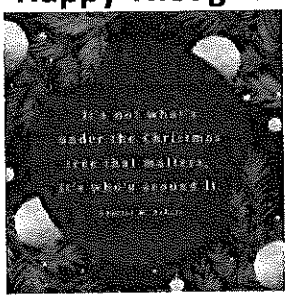
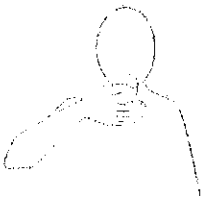
Week beginning: 23rd November 2026

This week in Maple

Book of the week:	Rhyme of the week:	Happy Thought:	Sign of the week:
Pick a Pine Tree, That's Not my Christmas Tree, Mog's Christmas	I'm a Little Pine Tree		To drink
			

In Maths we will be:

- Recognising and talking about small groups of objects.
- Subitising numbers to 4 through Christmas tree and decoration activities.
- Using positional language such as on, under and behind.
- Exploring colours, matching and sorting decorations.
- Beginning to notice and talk about simple patterns.

In Phonics we will be:

- Developing visual memory by remembering and recalling events from stories.
- Exploring body percussion through clapping, tapping, stamping and action patterns.
- Listening carefully and copying sound sequences.
- Taking turns leading and following simple sound patterns.

Learning opportunities:

This week in our enhanced and continuous provision, the children will have opportunities to:

- Create and decorate a large collaborative cardboard Christmas tree.
- Explore shiny and reflective materials including mirrors, foil, stars and gems.
- Create Christmas cards and early writing messages for family members.
- Make festive chains for our advent window.
- Decorate the home corner Christmas tree and develop imaginative role play.
- Share their own experiences of celebrations and family traditions.

Help at Home:

Why not talk about celebrations together at home this week?

You could:

- Look at your Christmas decorations together and talk about colours, shapes and patterns.
- Share photographs of celebrations that are special to your family.
- Read a Christmas story together and talk about what happens first, next and last.
- Encourage your child to help decorate a tree or festive display.
- Practise simple body percussion games by clapping, tapping and copying rhythms
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Dates for your diary:

- We will have a tree at the Christmas Tree Festival at St Paul's Church, Shipley - Saturday 28th November, 5.00pm-7.30pm.
- We will display our Advent Window for the Saltaire Living Advent Calendar on the 1st December.
- Christmas Lunches - 8th and 10th December.
- Christmas Jumper Day - 9th December.
- Titus Salt Trail - 9th December at 3.30 onwards.
- Christmas Parties - 15th and 17th December.
- Christmas Craft Session - Wednesday 16th December at 3.30.
- Nursery closes for Christmas - Friday 18th December

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