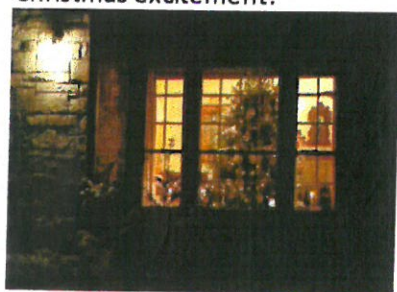


Week beginning: 1st December 2025

This week in Maple

<p>Book of the week: Pick a Pine Tree, The Christmas Eve Tree, That's not my Christmas tree</p> 	<p>Rhyme of the week: I'm a Little Pine Tree</p> 	<p>Happy Thought:</p> 	<p>Sign of the week: Christmas</p> 
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<p>In Maths we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring shapes by naming circles, squares, triangles and rectangles, and finding objects around the classroom that match these shapes. Comparing big and small objects during carpet sessions and in our play areas. Using everyday language such as round, flat, big, small, long, short as we build, sort and explore materials together. 	<p>In Phonics we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring body percussion by clapping, tapping, stamping and making simple sound patterns together. Playing listening and action games to help children respond to different body sounds and follow action words. Joining in with songs and rhymes, building rhythm and encouraging children to copy and repeat simple sound sequences.
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<p>Learning opportunities: This week in our enhanced and continuous provision, the children will have opportunities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore water flow and joining using plumbers' pipes in the water tray. Decorate the Christmas tree in the home corner, choosing their own decorations and talking about colours and placement. Investigate Magnatiles, bells and pipe cleaners, exploring how magnets attract and building 2D and 3D structures. Make long paper chains using strips of coloured paper and glue sticks to decorate the classroom. Explore baubles and tubes to balance, roll and build festive structures, developing problem-solving and early STEM skills. 	<p>Help at Home: Dressing for the Weather Take a walk together and look for different Christmas trees or festive lights in your neighbourhood. Talk about the colours, shapes and decorations you can see. This is a lovely way to build language, noticing skills and Christmas excitement!</p> 
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<p>Dates for your diary: Titus Salt Walk – Wednesday 10th December</p> <p>We will be holding a Titus Salt Walk at nursery on Wednesday 10th December. Please meet straight after school at 3:30pm, where you can collect your map and torch before we set off.</p>					
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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.