

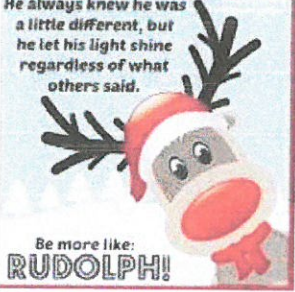
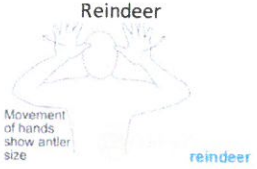


Week beginning: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## This week in Maple

<b>Book of the week:</b> Christmas Stories 	<b>Rhyme of the week:</b> Christmas Rhymes 	<b>Happy Thought:</b>  <p>He always knew he was a little different, but he let his light shine regardless of what others said.</p> <p>Be more like: <b>RUDOLPH!</b></p>	<b>Sign of the week:</b> Reindeer 
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### In Maths we will be:

- Taking part in Christmas dice games where children recognise dice patterns (1–6) and follow simple number instructions as part of a team.
- Playing a “present delivery” game, counting out small amounts of festive objects (baubles, bows, stars) and collecting the right number for their team’s Santa sack.
- Exploring festive problem-solving by building snowmen and Christmas structures, choosing pieces carefully and talking about what they need next.
- Practising turn-taking and early number skills through fun Christmas games such as rolling the dice, matching numbers to quantities and cheering each other on.

### In Phonics we will be:

- Learning the words and actions to familiar Christmas songs, building confidence to sing them at our party.
- Playing festive listening games, tuning in to different Christmas sounds such as bells, wrapping paper, and soft “snowy” taps.
- Taking turns in simple sound-response games, listening carefully for instructions and copying body percussion sounds linked to Christmas actions (e.g., stamping like reindeer, clapping like elves).
- Enjoying Christmas stories and songs that help develop rhythm, rhyme and repeated phrases, supporting early listening and attention skills.

### Learning opportunities:

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

- Explore Christmas wrapping and role play in the home corner, choosing paper, ribbons and labels and practising early mark-making as they write names for gifts.
- Make Santa lists and letters using catalogues, magazines and early writing marks to represent the items they would like.
- Mix seasonal ingredients in Reindeer Soup at the water tray, using natural items such as pinecones and carrots to explore scooping, pouring and imaginative play.
- Follow a simple recipe to make Reindeer Food, scooping and mixing oats and festive “magic” to create their own take-home treat.
- Take part in Christmas parties, helping to prepare the classroom and joining in with party games, songs, stories and festive celebrations.

### Help at Home:

#### Festive Photographs

We hope you have a lovely festive break. If you can, please share any festive photographs or special moments with us on EyLog — the children love showing their friends what they’ve been up to, and we really enjoy seeing them too!



### Dates for your diary:

- Christmas parties are on Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th December in the afternoon - there are sheets outside each classroom for parents to contribute towards party food if you are able to (please remember that we are a designated nut free zone).
- School closes on Friday 19th December and will reopen on Tuesday 6th January

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.