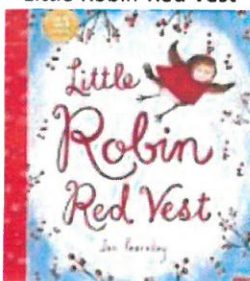
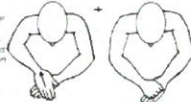


This week in Chestnut

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

Book of the week: Little Robin Red Vest 	Rhyme of the week: Little Robin Redbreast 	Sign of the week: Christmas  Slide right hand over back of left hand towards body then close right hand and place on back of left hand	Happy Thought of the week:  Let's make bird feeders!
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Maths

We will be:

- Counting to 5 together through songs, chants, and finger play to reinforce number names and order.
- Using objects like toy animals or counters to count aloud in a line, supporting one-to-one correspondence.
- Exploring repeating patterns with the Topmarks Christmas Patterns game on the interactive whiteboard.

Phonics Phase 1 Aspect 3 – Body Percussion

We will be:

- Creating simple body percussion patterns (e.g. clap, clap, tap knees) and encouraging children to copy and join in.
- Inviting children to create their own body percussion patterns for the group to follow, supporting confidence and creativity
- Making a "body percussion storm" by layering sounds like rubbing hands, finger tapping, clapping, and stomping to mimic a storm's build-up and fade
- Developing an awareness of volume, tempo, and group coordination by responding to changes in the storm's intensity

Learning Opportunities

We will be:

- Making bird feeders to encourage children to care for wildlife and observe birds in the outdoor environment.
- Creating process-art Christmas cards and calendars, allowing children to explore their own ideas and use a range of festive materials
- Decorating the home corner with Christmas decorations to support festive role-play.
- Making Christmas-themed dough and encouraging children to create cookies, cakes and shapes using festive cutters.
- Singing, dancing and exploring different sounds and performing on a stage.

Help at Home

Bring in your favourite Christmas story!

We'd like to invite children to bring in their favourite Christmas storybook to share at home time. Books can be brought in on any day between now and the end of term. Please make sure all books are clearly named so they can be safely returned. Sharing stories from home helps us celebrate different traditions and build a love of reading together.



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