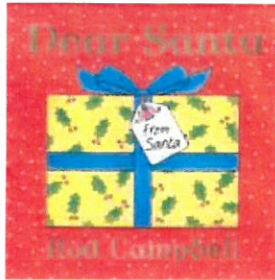

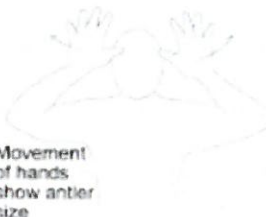



## This week in Chestnut

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><b>Book of the week:</b> Dear Santa</p> 	<p><b>Rhyme of the week:</b> We Wish you a Merry Christmas</p> 	<p><b>Sign of the week:</b> Reindeer</p>  <p>Movement of hands show antler size</p>	<p><b>Happy Thought of the week:</b></p> 
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### Maths

We will be:

- Sorting some of our classroom resources by shape. First, we will look at a few examples together—circles, squares, triangles and rectangles. Then the children will work as a team to find objects around the room that match these shapes. They will bring them back to our sorting baskets and talk about what they notice, such as whether the shape is round or has corners.
- We will then take part in a festive outdoor number game. Large festive numerals (1–5) will be placed around the space. When the adult calls out a number, the children will run to the matching numeral and show the number on their fingers.

### Phonics Phase 1 Aspect 3 – Body Percussion

We will be:

- Joining in a body-percussion version of We Wish You a merry Christmas 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:

- Exploring our Christmas Post Office, using letters, envelopes, stamps and Christmas cards to make marks for names and messages, post letters and take turns as postal workers.
- Playing with a Nativity small world to retell and explore the Christmas story.
- Making "hot chocolate" in a hot chocolate sensory Station – mixing, scooping, pouring and filling with chocolate powder, cornflour gloop, mugs and spoons.
- Making music with Jingle Bell instruments.
- Preparing for our Christmas parties.
- Making reindeer food.

### Help at Home

**Have some Christmas fun at home! You might like to...**

- ★ Bake or decorate Christmas biscuits together.
- ★ Read a Christmas story at bedtime and talk about your favourite part.
- ★ Make a simple decoration (paper chains, a star, or a picture for your wall).
- ★ Sing a Christmas song together or have a festive dance.
- ★ Look for signs of winter on a short walk – crunchy leaves, cold air, warm clothes.
- ★ Draw or colour a Christmas picture.
- ★ Help wrap a present for a family member (tearing tape is great fine motor practice!).
- ★ Have a hot chocolate picnic indoors with a cosy blanket.

### Dates for your diary:

- 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas party's
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of December - Nursery breaks up for Christmas