

# Newsletter

October/December 2017

Creative Curriculum Theme – 'Fabulous Festivals'

## Personal, Social and Emotional

- Continue to follow a clear routine and develop positive relationships with familiar adults and children.
- Talk about own family, friends and experiences. related to birthdays, family celebrations and Christmas.
- Talk about bonfire night and how to keep safe around fire, sparklers and fireworks.
- Practice sharing and turn-taking by playing games as a group.

## Understanding the World

- Explore signs of winter; (ice and snow) and take photographs using the iPads.
- Learn and talk about family traditions— birthdays and Christmas.

## Expressive Arts and Design

- Create a firework picture using paint, glitter and different tools to create new effects.
- Design and make a Christmas card.
- Use imagination to think about what our 'Elf on the shelf' has been up to.

## English

We will read: 'Happy Birthday Hugless Douglas' by David Melling, 'Stick man' by Julia Donaldson and 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg

- Listen, recall and retell familiar stories using props.
- Explore environmental print in catalogues/pictures.
- Explore mark making to 'write' a letter to Santa.
- Develop communication skills through role play in Santa's grotto.

## Maths

- Explore numbers through taking part in a number hunt around EYFS.
- Develop counting skills through games and activities to count a small amount of objects with accuracy.
- Explore size, weight and shape through weighing/sorting Christmas presents.

## Physical Education

- Continue to develop pencil control as early writers.
- Explore movement through use of the outdoor areas.

## Music

- Learn songs and perform dances to Christmas songs in preparation for our Christmas production.

Please help us keep your child's belongings with their rightful owners by labelling all uniform and shoes/wellies.

Staff: Mrs Powell,  
Miss Beddall, Mrs  
Bunch and Miss  
Oakley.

