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Projects initiative

Elm Park

December 2022

Topic program - December 2022

In the month of December, the children at Little Learners Nursery and Preschool will be developing their knowledge and understanding about different topics. Our two topics are Christmas & Winter, the children will be learning about different Christmas traditions < the season Winter, while also having lots of Christmas fun!! ***These topics will be relatable to the seven areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The EYFS sets the standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to five years old.***

In December the children will be building up the excitement for Christmas! Little Learners Nursery will be feeling very warm and festive



with homemade decorations. The children will learn about the tradition of Christmas as well as getting excited about Father Christmas visiting with his reindeer delivering a present/presents on Christmas Eve night.

The aim of this topic is for children to understand Christmas is related to the Christianity religion recognising the importance, as well as exploring the exciting side of Christmas and appreciating the presents we will be receiving from loved ones.

At nursery we want to help the children to appreciate giving gifts is just as special and rewarding as receiving gifts. The children will be very creative and imaginative by making lots of cards and gifts for family and friends to express their affection and appreciation in all that their families do for them as well as having a sense of ownership over their artwork.

Winter

The little learners children will be exploring the Winter season throughout the month of December in a range of ways to help develop every area of learning.



Weather permitting, we will be taking the children into the garden to allow them to experience the changing of the season and how this affects trees, wildlife ECT. This also gives the children excellent opportunities to develop gross motor skills.

Children will be developing fine motor skills and independence by putting on their hats, scarves, gloves, shoes, coat and getting prepared for the colder days. We will also be completing creative activities such as instant snow messy play, cooking winter

treats, snowflakes cutting and much more to allow and promote the children to explore seasonal activities.

Core books

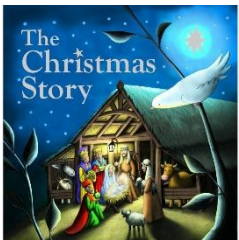
Week 1&2: 'Dear Father Christmas'



When Holly sees a man who looks like Father Christmas, she decides to write him a letter: 'Dear Father

Christmas - is it snowing in Lapland? Please answer. Love Holly.' And so begins the start of a touching penpal friendship with Father Christmas himself in which Holly learns about the magic of elves, reindeer and life in Lapland, as well as getting some very special Christmas surprises.

Week 3&4: 'The Christmas story'



A beautiful retelling of the greatest story ever told! This wonderful picture book vividly and

lovingly re-tells the story of the nativity

Our new songs for December...

When Santa got stuck up the chimney

When Santa got stuck up the chimney
He began to shout
You girls and boys won't get any toys
If you don't pull me out
My beard is black
There's soot on my sack
My nose is tickly too!
When Santa got stuck up the chimney
Atchoo, Atchoo, Atchoo!!

Frosty the snowman

Frosty the snowman
Was a jolly happy soul
With a corncob pipe
And a button nose and
Two eyes made out of coal

Frosty the snowman
Is a fairy tale they say
He was made of snow
But the children know
How he came to life one day

There must have been some magic
In that old silk hat they found
For when they placed it on his head
He began to dance around

Frosty the snowman
Was alive as he could be
And the children say
He could laugh and play
Just the same as you and me



Parents please...

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on Monday 19th December 2022 from 3pm-5pm
The Party will be held at Elm Park assembly hall (diagonally opposite from the nursery)

Safeguarding the children within our care is Everyone's responsibility. If you do have any suspicions or concerns-report them!

Lead Safeguarding officer-
Terri Noone

Deputy Safeguarding officer-
Jodie Richards

Christmas Closure dates:

26th December 2022- 2nd
January 2023

Staff inset day 3rd January 2022

Nursery will re-open for usual hours 7:30-6 on Wednesday 4th January 2022

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Topic Program, December 2022
Parent Feedback Form
'Christmas & Winter'

What did you do with your children to incorporate the topic for December 2022 at home?

What do you think your child has learnt and how have they benefitted from this topic?

Are there any activities you would like to see happening more in nursery?

Child:

Age group: