

Dear Parents,

What we have enjoyed this week ...

This week, the children have continued to work hard during practices for our nativity play. I have been very impressed with how quickly they have remembered all the words and actions to the songs.

With the arrival of Advent, the children have discovered some magical messages appearing next to our class elf who goes by the name of Bauble. We have discovered that the messages are being sent from Father Christmas and each day, a new one appears! Everybody is very excited about who the next message will be for!

On Thursday, the children listened to the story of 'The Little Fir Tree'. They spoke about the difference between our plastic Christmas tree and the real ones that are also used.

We then received a letter from the special Christmas Fairy. She had sent a magical tree to decorate and put in our classroom. The tree was hidden in the wildlife area and the children had to follow the sparkly trail to find their special prize.

The children found out that the tree was alive and that it needed water, light and soil to stay alive. They called the tree Jingle and are working hard to look after him. Back in class, the children compared Jingle to the artificial tree in our home corner. They discovered that artificial tree does not need any of the things that Jingle does, because it is not alive.

Everybody then worked really hard to write about what Jingle the tree needs to be healthy and stay alive.



Homework

This week, I have sent home a 'Teddy Snap' game. Encourage your child to cut out the cards with you and then play some different games using the cards. You could play counting and winning the cards, pairs, snap, or adding the different numbers of dots together to find the biggest totals. The aim of this activity is to develop fine motor skills, social skills and mathematical skills. I would also like the children to keep practising their songs ready for the big performance next week.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Hope



NB: We have kept the learning diaries in school this week in order to complete assessments.