



Dear Families,

Happy New Year! And welcome to our new families who have joined us on their exciting Yellow Dot journey. We look forward to starting this 2019 journey with you. I hope you all had a lovely break over Christmas. We can't wait to hear all about what the children have been up to over the festive period and would love any photos you may have to share on Tapestry. Although Christmas has been and gone for 2018, we will continue to revisit this over the month so that the children can remember and talk about their own first hand experiences of the festive period.

The build up to Christmas is the most magical time of year in the Nursery, the children and Team have got stuck in to some fantastic festive provocations including making their own tree decorations, learning new skills to make Christmas cards and of course some delicious baking.

WOW....what a great job the children and Team did in producing such a fantastic and entertaining Nativity. We were very proud to see the children in their costumes, singing and dancing away.

Winter is here and as it gets colder please provide labelled hats, gloves and scarves as well as a nice warm coat.

Please remember to reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk if you wish to continue to claim the 30 hours grant funding for 3 and 4 year olds or if you are using Tax Free Childcare to pay your nursery fees. If you have any questions about this, please contact Chrissie our Finance Manager.

Kind regards

Hayley James
Nursery Manager

Supporting Communication

Effective communication is the basis for developing healthy and mutually rewarding child-to-child relationships and adult-to-child relationships. Mealtimes can be an important time to encourage communication. Think of mealtimes as a communication time, a time when you can converse with, nurture, and obtain feedback from children. Consider removing distractions around meal time and eat with the children. When adults eat with children they can:

- serve as role models by their food choices.
- protect children from safety hazards such as cross-contamination and choking hazards.
- encourage conversation at mealtimes.



Babies

The Babies have been using their senses to explore all the lovely decorations and festive smells in the build up to Christmas with some exciting treasure baskets filled with lights and tinsel as well as their own Christmas tree. They have been exploring new coloured metallic paints with their fingers, making some fantastic decorations for their tree. With the support of their adults the Babies have been getting stuck in making lots of yummy festive bakes including gingerbread.



Toddlers

Toddlers have shown a real interest in playdough over the past few weeks with lots of the children helping to make their own as well as using different tools to make shapes. With these new skills the Toddlers have been busy baking gingerbread men and yummy mince pies. Continuing to enhance the fine motor skills that the Toddlers are developing they have been using lots of different collage materials to create some beautiful art work. The children have also enjoyed learning some new Christmas songs with lots of them joining in with the words and actions.



Transition

The children in Transition have been busy exploring the change in the season as we've moved into Winter. They have been using books to look at different animals and where they live, creating a very cold and icy small world to explore. The children have continued to practice fine motor skills and using scissors in the build up to Christmas to make their fantastic pictures, decorations and Christmas cards. The children have been listening to the Christmas story, linking to their Nativity small world figures.



Kindergarten

What a buzz of excitement across the Kindergarten Room with the children learning their Nativity songs and the story behind Christmas! The children have been sharing their own experiences and have been telling us about the lovely things they have been getting up to. This has been reflected in their Christmas creative workshop where they have been creating their own pictures as well as getting stuck in wrapping lots of pretend presents.

