

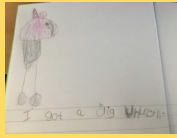


Date: 9/1/26

Theme: Happy New Year

Happy New Year!

We had a wonderful time sharing our Christmas stories! Everyone enjoyed talking about the amazing places we visited, the special people we spent time with, and the thoughtful gifts we received. We explored why these moments were so special to us and worked hard on making our sentences longer and more interesting as we spoke.



Next, we turned our attention to the New Year and celebrated in style! We threw a lively party, counted down the final seconds with Big Ben, and danced joyfully to the tune of *Auld Lang Syne*. Afterwards, we shared our New Year's resolutions.



Winter

With the recent snowfall, we've had lots of lively conversations about winter and the signs of the season. From frosty mornings to sparkling snowflakes, we explored what makes this time of year so magical.



Despite the rain, we bravely headed out to Forest School for an outdoor adventure! There, we collected a beautiful selection of natural treasures that reminded us of winter: bright berries, glossy evergreen leaves, and other seasonal wonders.



The Blue Penguin

We've started exploring our exciting new storybook, *The Blue Penguin*! The children have loved diving into the beautiful scenes from the text and using their detective skills to make predictions about where the story might take place and who the characters could be. There's so much curiosity and imagination in the air. We can't wait to uncover more of the story next week!

PE with Coach Josh

We had our first PE lesson with Coach Josh. Everyone listened carefully to the instructions and showed excellent control in their movements. We learned how to perform four different balances: pencil, pike, tuck, and straddle.



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Christians see God as a loving father figure who cares for and guides them. We talked about our own families and how each one is unique and special in different ways. Christians believe that God loves everyone like a parent and wants people to show kindness and love to others.



Phonics: This week, we have been busy reviewing the sounds we've already learned and building on our phonics skills. Our new focus was the sound 'oo', as in *book nook*, and the children enjoyed spotting this sound in different words.

Maths

This week, we have recapped our 2D shapes. We looked for shapes within shapes and experimented with rotating and flipping them to make them fit together. These activities helped us develop our spatial awareness and deepen our understanding of the properties of different shapes.



Learning Journal Task

This week, I would like you to:

What are the signs of winter? Go on a walk with an adult and look for the things that have changed since Autumn.

Draw a picture of yourself or someone dressed for winter and label it to show what they are wearing.

It has been very frosty recently. Research 'frost' with an adult to find out what it is and where it comes from.

We are on the hunt!

We are still collecting any Christmas and birthday cards for cutting and sticking. This will be ongoing so please continue to send them in throughout the year.

Things to remember for next week

- Clubs start (remember to return PE kits after a club). Children will need trainers or plimsolls.
- Named hats, gloves and scarfs.
- Please ensure that your child's name is written in **everything**. We are starting to find a number of items with no name, especially on PE days.