Personal, Social and Emotion

During our circle time this week we will talking about Human Rights Day and what we can do to improve our World. The children will be revisiting the class rules to ensure we all understand what they mean.

Physical Development

The children will be working on their travelling skills in gymnastics on Monday and dancing on Friday. Our Funky Fingers fine motor control task this week will be decorating our foam tree with small jewels. This will help the children develop their pincer grip.

Communication and Language

This week we will be looking at the story Dear Santa by Rod Campbell. We will be talking about what the children would like for Christmas and why they want it. We will be talking about Santa traditions around the world and what these Santa’s do that is different from our Santa. The children will be playing in Santa’s toy shop.

Understanding of the World

We will be talking about the family traditions that surround Santa and what he does. What traditional beliefs do we have about Santa? The children will look at how different cultures represent the spirit of Christmas.

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Literacy

We will be learning the letters e, u and b. The children will learn to form them correctly and start to use them in their word building. The children will be writing a letter to Santa to tell him what they would like for Christmas. The children will be reading to Mrs Monson this week so please remember to send your book bag in every day. She will be testing them on their high frequency words when we read. If your child can read them encourage them to start writing them down.

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Mathematics

The children numeric focus will be on learning the numerals up to ten. We will be looking at spotting the missing number in a number line. We will practice the formation of the numbers 3,4 and 5. Please practice five at home as this can be a really tricky number to write.

We will be working on capacity. The children will be working out which container holds the most liquid, looking at half full and full.

Expressive Arts and Design

This week the children will be working on colour mixing and painting skills. The children will also be given opportunity to play in Santa’s in our Christmas toy shop. We will start to learn our Christmas song but we will be listening to a variety of different Christmas music.

Parental Involvement Ideas

I will be sending a letter home about how you as parents can get involved in your child’s learning Journeys. Please come and talk to me if you are unsure of what to fill in on the sheet. In maths, we are looking at how we form our numbers, in particular 3, 4 and 5, if you wish to practice these at home.

Please don’t forget to practice those high frequency words as they really help when your child starts books with words.