Personal, Social and Emotion

During our circle time this week we will talking about how our actions effect other people. They will be talking about how other people feel if we don’t share. We will be celebrating good examples of sharing throughout the week.

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. We will be talking about Santa traditions around the world and what these Santa’s do that is different from our Santa.

Physical Development

The children will be working on their travelling skills in gymnastics on Monday and games 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.

Literacy

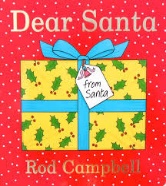
We will be writing our Christmas lists to Santa. The children will be working on double sounds in phonics this week. We will be learning the sounds ll, ss and ff. We will continue to work on learning to sound out and read simple three letter words.

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.

**Hatchmere planning**

**4.12.17**

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Mathematics

The children 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 2,3 and 5. Please practice five at home as this can be a tricky number to write.

Expressive Arts and Design

This week the children will be making their Christmas cards and talking about the tradition of sending cards. The children will be learning songs and creating music with Mrs Smith on Thursday.

Parental Involvement Ideas

This week will see the beginning of Advent and most of the children will have a Calendar or way of counting down the day. When you are opening the Advent Calendar ask your child to find the number for that day. Talk about which number comes next and try and find the next few days’ worth of numbers. Look for numbers in the environment, such as house numbers, numbers on the remote control, numbers on food packaging etc. Encourage your child to write numbers to ten and send it into school to be celebrated.