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. The children will be talking about what they do for advent.

Physical Development

The children will be working on their travelling skills in gymnastics on Wednesday and dancing on Thursday. Our Funky Fingers fine motor control task this week will be cutting out. This will help the children develop their control and wrist strength.

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. The children will be using the art programme on the computer.

 **Hatchmere planning**

Literacy

 We will be learning the letters m and j. 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. We will be sequencing the story of Dear Santa.

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Expressive Arts and Design

This week the children will be working on colour mixing and painting skills. The children will also be playing in our classroom Christmas shop. They will be making Christmas cards and helping to get our classroom ready for Christmas.

Mathematics

The children numeric focus will be on learning the numerals up to five. We will be looking at spotting the missing number in a number line. We will practice the formation of the numbers 3 and 4.

We will be working combining groups to make numbers and simple addition sums.

Parental Involvement Ideas

This week we are looking at how the children join in with family customs. This week we are talking about Advent. Do you have an Advent calendar at home? When do you open it? Why does it have numbers on it? What are we counting down to? What is behind the little doors?

We are still working on the children being able to fasten up their own coats so please keep practising at home.