



## THEMES AND INTEREST TABLES

Our theme for the month of December is *Christmas*! Our shape is *star* and our colour is *red*.



A huge well done to all the children for making such a big effort to share with their friends. During December we will be thinking about – BEING HELPFUL.

## COATS, HATS AND GLOVES

Now that the weather is colder, you may wish to send a hat and gloves for the children to leave in nursery for outdoor play. You may also wish to swap your child's coat for a heavier one. Please send a message on Seesaw, if this is the case and we'll send the coat they currently have in nursery home. Thank you.

## NURSERY AND PRIMARY APPLICATIONS FOR September 2023

The online application portal on the Education Authority website – [www.eani.co.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.co.uk/admissions) will be available from **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 @ 12 noon to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 @ 12 noon**. Once your online application has been completed you will need to upload verifying documents such as birth certificate and proof of child's address. Please do not hesitate in asking for assistance.

## DATES FOR DECEMBER

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December- Stay and play Christmas Special: 1pm in our outdoor area

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December- Oakfield Primary School and Nursery Unit Open morning: 10:00- 12:30

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jamboree in the school assembly hall at 9:30

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner Day

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Jo Jingles

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Cracker Day- this will be a **PJ Day**, (these can be Christmas PJs but do not have to be). We will be having lots of fun activities, including a visit from Santa, story from Mrs Claus and a Christmas movie.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> - December - **This will be a non-uniform day!**

Carnival Promotions will be visiting with their puppet show. Nursery will finish early today for the Christmas holidays and there will be no dinners served today!

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – The nursery closes on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** and re-opens on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.



## TOGETHER TIME

For December 'Together Time' why not make some Christmas play dough with your child and enjoy being creative!

### This is our play dough recipe

- 2 cups plain flour
- 1½ cups salt
- 4 tablespoons cream of tartar
- 2 cups hot water
- 2 tablespoons baby oil
- colouring

*\*To give it a Christmas twist add: red colouring, Christmas essence and glitter\**

*Wrap in cling film when not in use so that play dough can be used again.*

*Have fun!*



## OTHER SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

### Physical Activities and Movement / The Arts

- Cut strips from coloured paper and stick together to create a bright paper chain.
- Make dough (see recipe) and use some cookie cutters to cut out shapes and create a Christmas scene.

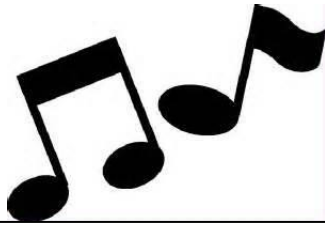
### The World Around Us

- Make "presents" by wrapping up junk material (cereal boxes, tubes etc.) with Christmas paper and explore different ways of joining e.g. glue, sticky tape, string. Develop reasoning skills by encouraging thinking about size of paper required to cover the items.

### Early Mathematical Experiences

- When decorating the Christmas tree, use and encourage mathematical language to describe position, colours, shapes and comparison of sizes e.g. top, around, behind, straight, curved, biggest etc.

**Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!**



## Christmas Songs

When Santa got stuck up the chimney  
He began to shout  
You boys and girls won't get any toys  
If you don't pull me out.  
My beard is black, there's soot on my sack  
And my nose is tickly too,  
When Santa got stuck up the chimney  
Atshoo, Atshoo, Atshoo!



(Sang to the tune of Frere Jacques)

Christmas Pudding  
Christmas Pudding  
Steaming Hot  
Steaming Hot  
Sprinkle on the sugar  
Sprinkle on the sugar  
Eat the LOT  
Eat the LOT.



**5** little snowmen fat  
Each with a funny hat  
The sun came out and melted one  
Blubb..... Oh how sad was that.

**4** little snowmen fat  
Each with a funny hat  
The sun came out and melted one  
Blubb..... Oh how sad was that.

**3** little snowmen fat  
Each with a funny hat  
The sun came out and melted one  
Blubb..... Oh how sad was that.

**2** little snowmen fat  
Each with a funny hat  
The sun came out and melted one  
Blubb..... Oh how sad was that.

**1** little snowmen fat  
Each with a funny hat  
The sun came out and melted one  
Blubb..... Oh how sad was that.