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## What we have been learning...

This week the children have enjoyed engaging in our Christmas 'Stay and Play' which has spanned over five days. We have loved playing alongside our parents, showing them some of the fun activities we enjoy doing at nursery. The children have especially loved the visit from the Oral Health Team who gave them lots of top tips and information about how to keep their teeth healthy. The children were able to bring home their own Christmas pack to keep their teeth healthy and clean at home.

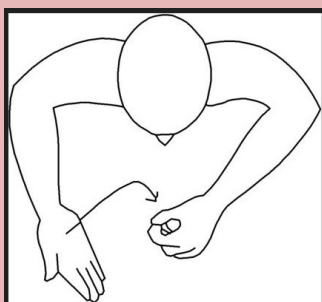
This week Concept Cat came to teach us all about "more". We have explored what "more" means within different contexts such as adding **more** glitter as we created our decorations and giving our friends **more** playdough as we practise our sharing.



Each week we are going to introduce a new Makaton sign. Makaton is a unique communication programme that uses symbols (pictures), signs (gestures) and speech to enable people to communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression.

**Our Makaton Sign of the week this week is:**

# more



## Attendance ( 5/12—16/12)

Emma(pm)	95.8%
Retreat (am)	95.8%
Beth/Kate (pm)	89 %
Gillian(am)	88.8%
Beth/Kate(am)	85.4 %
Emma (am)	84.4%
Kiran	84.3%
Gillian (pm)	83.3%
Suzanne(am)	78.1%
Retreat (pm)	77.5%
Suzanne (pm)	57.5%

Well done to Emma's afternoon group and the morning Retreat group for having the best attendance over the last two weeks.

## Christmas Party

Tomorrow (Thursday 18th December) is Christmas Party Day which will consist of party games, dancing and party snacks. Please note the change in times for this:



### Morning children

8.45-10.45am—please collect your child at 10.45am.

### Afternoon children

12.40-2.40pm—please collect your child at 2.40pm.

### 30 hours children

These children can choose which party they attend. Please inform Kiran/office which party your child will be attending.

There will be no lunch club that day. Children must be collected on time at the end of the session. Thanks.

## Home activities

Over the holidays, please practise mark-making with your children, drawing representations of people, animals, places etc. As we begin the New Year this will be one of our main foci. We will be exploring mark-making in different contexts across the environment.



## Farewell and Welcome

We would like to bid a fond farewell to one of our lovely staff members, Emma. She has been at Basnett Street for 4 years and she will be missed. Good luck for the future Emma!

In January we will have a new teacher joining us. A big Basnett Street welcome is extended to Grace Berry. Emma's SENCO role will be taken over by Debbie Gornall-Fox in partnership with Lindsay Ingham and Beth Margison. We are very excited to have both Grace and Debbie on board.

## Key Dates

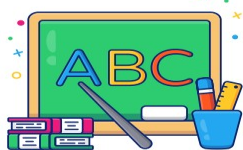
Thurs 18th Dec—Party Day and Nursery closes for Christmas.

Fri 19th Dec—Nursery closed for staff training.

Mon 5th January—Nursery reopens at the usual times.

Happy Christmas to all our children and families and wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

## **ESOL Classes**



**Every Tuesday at 10.30am  
from 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Down Town  
Charter Walk Shopping Centre  
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