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Friday 5th December 2025

What we have been learning...

This week we have started to read our new core text "Dream Snow". The children were very excited when they came into nursery and saw the winter and Christmas decorations had been put up. The children have been practising the Christmas songs "We Wish You a Merry Christmas", "Jingle Bells" and "When Santa got Stuck up the Chimney", ready for our stay and play sessions.

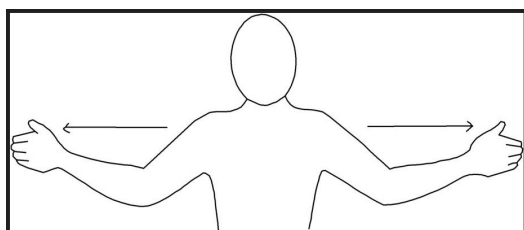
This week Concept Cat came to teach us all about "large". We have explored what "large" means within different contexts including a "large" drink, "large" presents, "large" Christmas trees etc.



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:

large



Attendance (21/11—4/12)

Gillian (pm)	92.2%
Retreat (am)	91.7%
Suzanne (pm)	90 %
Beth/Kate (pm)	88.8%
Retreat (pm)	88 %
Emma (pm)	86.7%
Suzanne (am)	78.7 %
Beth/Kate(am)	75%
Kiran	74.3%
Gillian (am)	72%
Emma (am)	71.3%

Well done to Gillian's afternoon group for having the best attendance over the last two weeks.

Home activities

As we begin to talk about the celebration of Christmas, you could speak to your child about the different events you celebrate. Please email the school any pictures of your celebrations so that we can put them in our "Celebration book".



Stay and Play sessions

We would like to invite parents/carers in to play with us and celebrate all things Christmas at Nursery.



Morning groups (10.15—11.30am)

11/12—Suzanne
12/12—Emma
15/12—Beth/Kate
16/12—Kiran
17/12—Gillian

Afternoon groups (2.10—3.25pm)

11/12—Emma and Suzanne
15/12—Beth/Kate
16/12—Kiran
17/12—Gillian

Please note, if your child does 30 hours, please speak to Kiran and let her know whether you will attend the am/pm session. Thanks.

Prams

If possible, please leave prams at home as it is getting very congested outside the main door. If you do bring one, please can you ensure it is covered and left away from the entrance. Thanks.

Holiday activities and food
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HAF Eligibility & Booking Information:

- *For children & young people in reception - year 11
- *Eligible for benefits related free school meals (different to free school meals all children in KS1 receive)
- *Other vulnerabilities (ask your school or visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/school-holiday-activities)

Winter Activities:
Book up to 4 days (minimum 4 hours a day) with a meal included

Important:
Please only book a HAF place if you intend to use it & cancel if you change your mind. If a place is booked and then not used it prevents another child from attending.

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Tempest Photography

The children had photographs taken yesterday and you should have received a paper copy. For free delivery back to nursery and guaranteed delivery before Christmas, orders will need to be placed online no later than 5pm on Monday 8th December. Thank you.

Key Dates

11-17th Dec—Stay and Play sessions

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